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## The Fraternity in Its Inciency.

In June of 1867 the trustees of Asbury College, now De Pauw University, decided to admit in the following September, for the regular course of instruction and on equal terms with the young men, such young ladies as should present themselves at that time. Accordingly, four young ladies ventured to do this heretofore unheard of thing, presented themselves to the entrance committee, and were enrolled as regular students in the college. To be sure, there was much talk and adverse criticism at the time, both among the students and outside people, and the young gentlemen might have made it a hard road to learning for these girls had their admiration and support not been won by such evident perseverance, earnestness and independence, together with mental ability, as made the young men look to their laurels in all their college work.

Fraternalities were a prominent feature of the college life at this time, there being some six or seven among the young men. For a new cause, however, rivalry now sprang up among these Greeks, each fraternity wishing these four young girls to be identified as its supporters by openly wearing its pin. One of the girls, Bettie Locke, being of a very independent nature, refused various requests of this nature, saying that she preferred not to wear a pin, unless she could also be regularly initiated into the fraternity. One of them even went so far as to bring this matter up for

consideration, but deciding that they could not constitutionally initiate her, they offered instead to present her with a handsome pin, if she would consent to wear it. Miss Locke refused, however, and in talking it over with her father, Dr. J. W. Locke, he jokingly asked her why she did not organize a fraternity of her own. This suggestion was the seed, which, planted in Miss Locke's fertile and energetic brain, germinated and grew into Kappa Alpha Theta.

For some time she turned the matter over in her mind, considering possibilities and probabilities, before venturing to speak of her scheme to anyone. At length she took into her confidence her intimate friend, Alice O. Allen, who had returned to college after a year's absence, and the two agreed to go to work and effect the organization of a Greek letter fraternity for girls.

Some time before this, Miss Locke had asked her father, who was a fraternity man, to give her a general outline of how a Greek letter fraternity was formed, for she had an idea that there was a vague mysterious something about such a secret society, which would make its organization very different from that of ordinary societies. Accordingly he did as she wished, telling her of the features which would be necessary, not, however, borrowing *anything* from his own fraternity, as has sometimes been claimed. This, and one single question asked a member of another fraternity as to the address of the best jewelers, was *the only help* received by these two young girls from any member of an already existing fraternity. It was to be distinctively and above all a woman's work.

Miss Locke and Miss Allen both knew enough of the general organization of societies to form a constitution, suitable for their new enterprise, and this they proceeded to do after much thought, planning, and earnest work. But the question of paramount importance from the very first was the pin. How to secure a badge which should be in no way inferior to any of the men's fraternity pins, and which



should yet be different and distinctively their own, was a question which the girls studied over for some months,—almost despairing sometimes of ever finding that which should just suit them. Old dictionaries were studied by the hour for pictures of old coats of arms and armor, various shapes and designs being conceived, drawn, and discarded, before they finally found a form which suited them. All this was kept a most profound secret between these two, for they knew that were their plans discovered, they should never be able to carry them through. The matter of the pin they felt to be the all-important one, for should it seem at all inferior, they would be subjected to humiliation when it should be compared with the young men's pins, and the inferiority attributed to natural weakness of the sex; but if they could win respect and admiration by designing a pin equal to any of the others in beauty and meaning, their battle would be half won.

As already stated they inquired the address of some manufacturer of fraternity jewelry, and were given that of Newman. Immediately they began correspondence with him, submitted their plans, inquired the price of such a pin, and allowed him to make any suggestions he might see fit. In only a few minor points did he suggest slight changes, approving for the most part, the design which the girls had submitted to him.

Now had come the time to enlarge their number, and this they felt to be a very important matter. Finally they decided upon two girls Bettie Tipton and Jennie Fitch, whom they took into their confidence, told of their plans, and the four now ordered their pins.

On Jan. 27th, 1870, the organization first became known to the college world, when the girls appeared proudly wearing the pin which had cost them so much labor and expense. One can imagine the surprise and consternation this appearance caused; the young men astonished and forced to acknowledge the beauty of the pin and the originality of the heads that had designed it; and the remaining young ladies

then in school, disappointed in not being of the charmed circle. Immediately these four first Thetas were nicknamed "kites," somewhat to their embarrassment at first, but this feeling soon wore off, and they came to take pride in the name which is dear to every one of us to-day.

When we remember that the founders of our fraternity were not women but merely girls, of sixteen and seventeen years of age, we may justly be proud of the wisdom, good sense, and intellectual ability which characterized all their actions, and it is almost a wonder that the fraternity founded by them should have grown and reached its present large dimensions. And we may safely say that had it not been founded upon principles so firm and everlasting, it would not have lived to make glad the heart of every Theta from Alpha to Omega to-day. But, it is also true that the success of our fraternity depended at the time, upon the success of co-education; and as this has grown and developed, we have become stronger, our boundaries have been extended, and we have attained a degree of prosperity which would have made doubly—yes, ten times—happy, the hearts of our four oldest sisters, could they have foreseen the success of their beloved organization.

In the spring of this first year, 1870, not content with their own little chapter, but desiring to extend the blessing to other college girls, they decided to found a chapter at Indiana University. Accordingly, Bettie Locke was sent to Bloomington, and after consulting with a friend of hers who was then a student in I. U., they together selected a small group of girls and initiated them into the mystic rites of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Still another chapter was founded in the same year, at Moore's Hill College, by Jennie Fitch, but after a few years of struggling existence, the charter of this chapter was withdrawn.

Miss Mary Stevenson, now Mrs. Henry A. Buchtel, of East Orange, N. J., has the honor of being the first initiate into Kappa Alpha Theta.



Of the four charter members, three are still living,—Mrs. Alice Allen Brandt having died in 1894. Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton who now resides at Greencastle, Ind. ; Mrs. Bettie Tipton Lindsey, at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and Mrs. Jennie Fitch Shaw, at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

M. R. T., *Alpha*.

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### Grand Presidents.

The office of Grand President was not created until '91, by the Burlington, Vt., convention, at which time the entire organization of the fraternity was changed.

Prior to that time the fraternity was governed in the interim between conventions by a Grand Chapter, which was composed of one member from each chapter and the President of which was always the member from Alpha chapter. The Grand Chapter did not meet except in rare instances, but transacted all its business by correspondence, and the officers of the Grand Chapter were not the officers of the convention. It usually happened that Grand Chapter members were not even present at conventions. This organization was radically different from the present one.

Now the Grand Council is elected by a grand convention ; this was not true of the Grand Chapter, each chapter simply selected one of her members to serve on the Grand Chapter, which was more of the nature of a large standing committee. The Grand Council has the entire government of the fraternity between conventions, and they are the officers of the Grand Convention.

Owing to lack of time before the publishing of the JOURNAL and the inability to receive answers in a few cases, the biographies of many of the early presidents are not prepared. The Grand Presidents up to the time when the constitution was formed are, so far as we can find :

Lenore Hanna (Mrs. Coxe), the only one of the president's (under old system) who was *not* from Alpha. She

presided over the only called convention Kappa Alpha Theta ever had, and very important was her term of office.

Agnes Fisher (Walker), Grace E. Hoyt, Kate L. Hammond, Nellie O. Truett (Lockeridge), Carrie C. Smith, Martha Jenkins, Ermina Fallas, now Mrs. Merlin, wife of President Merlin, Baker University.

Ora Neucomer (Mrs. Shirk) and Gertrude Nickels (Mrs. Horace G. Ogden).

Ora Neucomer was born in Tipton, Indiana, Sept. 3, 1867. After the second year in Tipton's High School she entered the preparatory school of Depauw University, class of '89. Having been out of school during the Freshman year, she graduated in '90.

Miss Neucomer went to Germany in the summer of '90 to study the language, but after a short European tour, because of failing health, she was forced to return home. The next two years were passed quietly at Tipton. In the spring of '93, April 5th, she was married to Mr. James A. Shirk, Cashier of the Citizen's Bank at Delphi, Ind.

She was Grand President during '89 and '90, during which time several chapters were founded. Tau chapter, at Evans-ton, was established and Miss Neucomer, with Miss Sevilla Cleaveland (now Mrs. Axtell), had the pleasure of initiating the new girls and were royally entertained by them. Mrs. Axtell was sent to University of Minnesota to establish the chapter there.

The chapter at Syracuse was also founded during her term of office. The convention at Bloomington in '89 was a delightful event, at which the Thetas were royally entertained by professors and students.

Gertrude Nickels was born in Plymouth, Ind., January 6, 1868. She followed the fortunes of a Methodist preacher's home until her entrance into college at De Pauw in 1888. Her high school days were spent in Lafayette and Valparaiso, graduating from the latter in 1888. In connection with her studies in high school, she read the Chatauqua Course of study, receiving a diploma. Soon after her entrance into



college she was honored with membership in Kappa Alpha Theta and held several local offices in the sorority. She was a member of E. B. X., a social circle of the college's best people, and was also an organizer and leading member of the De Pauw Literary Club.

At the Bloomington convention in 1889 she was elected President of the Grand Chapter and during her term of office signed two charters—Omega, at University of California, and Psi, at University of Wisconsin. This was a period of transition in the fraternity and involved voluminous correspondence.

In 1892, Miss Nickels graduated Ph.B. with honors in Latin from De Pauw University. She spent the next year at home and was married on the 14th of September, 1893, to Horace G. Ogden, a minister of the M. E. Church. The two following years were spent in Boston and Rockland, Mass., in study and research. They returned to Indiana and now live in Attica, where Mr. Ogden is the pastor of the leading M. E. Church. Three fine boys have come into the home and are expected to make loyal Theta supporters.

Since the founding of the Grand Council and Grand President, proper, there have been four to hold the office—Winifred Sercombe, '91-'93; Margaret Ellen Smith, '93-'95; Harriet L. Funck (Mrs. Miller), '95-'97; Caroline Packer Sargent (Mrs. Walters), '97.

Winifred Sercombe was born in Milwaukee, Wis.; went to the public schools and graduated from the High School in 1888. She entered the University of Wisconsin, September, 1888, and was graduated B.L. in 1891. During the school year, '91-2, she was city superintendent of drawing and teacher of history in the High School at Antigo, the next year, '92-3, teacher of history and literature in the High School of Bayfield, Wis.

Returning to University of Wisconsin, Miss Sercombe, in the fall of '93, registered as a graduate student in history and economics, receiving her M.A. in the spring of '94. She has taught literature and history in the South High

School in Milwaukee and history and economics in the North High School of Minneapolis. Meanwhile she has also registered for Ph.D. work in the University of Minnesota, and has since done some work in that institution. In the spring of '91 Miss Sercombe was elected to represent Psi in the convention to be held at Burlington, Vt.

She found Theta with very inadequate business organization, and after offering much deserved criticism the convention responded by appointing a committee with power to choose assistants who should draw up a suitable constitution. The convention held its sessions, and waited for the constitution to be finished, left and returned again, and finally the articles were all voted through. Of course the thing was not then in quite such a perfect form as it now is, as much alteration was necessary, but it was practically the same constitution as the present one.

Then the convention suggested that those who made the plan should put it into execution, and so Miss Sercombe and her assistants found themselves elected to the Grand Council. Her time of office was important as the renaissance of the fraternity.

The charters admitting Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma and the new Eta at Ann Arbor were signed at this time too.

Margaret Ellen Smith is a native of Indianapolis, where she has lived all her life. Having graduated from High School in '87 entered DePauw University, from which she graduated in '91.

Miss Smith was a delegate to the first Pan Hellenic convention held by women's fraternities in Boston, in the spring of '91; and was president of the Grand Council from '93-'95. She presided over the national convention held in Syracuse, in Oct. '95.

During her term of office the constitution in a changed form was put into practice. This necessitated much correspondence on the part of the Grand Council.

Harriet Funck was born in Wooster, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1870, and took the regular school course in the Wooster schools,



from which she graduated in June, 1887, second in her class. She entered the University and graduated from it in June, 1891.

There she twice represented Willard Lit. Society, once in a declamation at the Annual Tri. Society Entertainment on Washington's birthday and once as President of the Annual Willard Public. On Class Day Miss Funck was Class Salutatorian.

After graduation a year was spent at home and in '92 she was elected to the position of Latin and Greek Instructor in Wooster High School. This position was held for five years, at which time Miss Funck resigned and was married Nov. 18, 1897, to Mr. Fred J. Miller, of Doylestown, Ohio. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Cornell University and a member of Beta Theta Pi.

They have one little daughter Miriam, born Nov. 26, 1898, who we hope will some day be as loyal a Theta as her mother.

During the Columbian Exposition, Miss Funck visited the '93 convention for two days and in '94 or '95 was chosen to succeed Luella Wallace as President of Beta District. Having attended the Syracuse convention in this capacity, she was elected Grand President '95-'97.

Caroline Packer Sargent was born on the first of December, 1873,—graduated from the St. Paul High School, June, '91. Having entered Swarthmore in the fall of '91, she graduated from that institution June, '94, a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She was associate editor of the College paper, and also Commencement speaker.

Miss Sargent was elected delegate to Kappa Alpha Theta Convention at Chicago in '93, was elected Grand Sec'y of Kappa Alpha Theta in '95 and was made Grand President in '97. From '94-'96 she had grade work, but taught History in the High School during the school year of '96-'97, and on half of the next year.

On Dec. 28, 1897, Miss Sargent was married to William E. Walter, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, of Swarthmore,

class of '92. Their residence has since been at Wallingford, Pa. A little son, David Sargent Walter, was born March 1, 1899.

Alpha Zeta Chapter has been established since her term of office, which has been filled up with mere detail work, such as changing form of reports, instituting catalogue blanks, etc.

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### The Conventions of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Just as during the Revolution our Confederated States needed a central and organized government to make them a nation, so, in 1876, Kappa Alpha Theta's five chapters realized that they must have a stronger cord to bind them together than their constitution and ideals of sisterhood, however potent a force each was in itself for unity. For instance, there were questions of finance, of the method of expansion to be pursued, of policy, of constitutional revision and amendment, such as only some representative body with power to act for the whole fraternity could consider adequately and decide with wisdom. Moreover it had come to the point where Kappa Alpha Theta must be recognized as an organization with effective methods of self-government and a position in the college world both commanding and receiving respect.

This need Kappa Alpha Theta decided to meet by an old and well-tried plan, namely, that of convention. At present our convention is a representative body, meeting biennially; it elects from the alumnae the officers of the fraternity, who are called the Grand Council; it is invested during session with both legislative and judicial powers and also with the management of finances and miscellaneous affairs of interest and importance to the whole fraternity, while between conventions the Grand Council is invested with the same powers.



Before 1891, however, though in fact the convention was a governing body, with ultimate legislative and judicial powers, nominally the government of the fraternity until 1883 was in the hands of Alpha ; and thereafter of a Grand Chapter, whose members were elected one from each college chapter, and the president of this Grand Chapter always to be chosen from Alpha.

Excluding that of 1876 there have been in all twelve conventions, occurring biennially since 1879, and with one called convention in 1886. It is scarcely possible to select one or two as more important than the rest ; all seem to have treated as adequately as possible for their day and hour the most pressing needs of the fraternity. However, as effecting several radical changes and innovations the convention of '91, held in Burlington, Vt., claims special attention. The alumnae chapters were instituted by this convention and were granted the same representation, charters and privileges as are the active chapters. It was decided here that the editor of the *JOURNAL* should be a salaried officer ; and during the next four years, while the *JOURNAL* was under the supervision of Lambda, the custom was first established, so Lambda herself informs us, of electing the officers for its editing and publication from members of the alumnae. It was then recommended that where several fraternities were represented in a college a pledge day should, if possible, be agreed upon with them. But most important change of all :—it was at this time decided that the government of the fraternity should be in the hands of the above named Grand Council, elected biennially at the conventions from alumnae members. And nearly all of the constitutional revision made by that convention was the immediate result of this change in fraternity government.

In reading over the minutes of the conventions one cannot but be impressed with the rapid growth and development of the fraternity. There is a self-confidence in the minutes of the latter years, to a certain degree lacking in those of earlier, more inexperienced times. We know, or rather we

feel in some way that the delegates of the later conventions are women more of our own type, with our interests, our training, our ideals. But yet there lingers about the olden minutes a certain charm, a faint suggestion of a girlishness and simplicity which some of us might wish for in vain. There are traces of struggle, too, and hard, rough places which those young girls, now our loved and honored alumnae, had to face, combat, and overcome as pioneers in the new world of women's fraternities. But in all the minutes, earlier and later, one is aware of an all-pervading spirit of noble purpose, lofty aspiration, and sincere womanly dignity. Whatever the mistakes made, and there were doubtless several, we feel that the intention was purely good in every case. They are by no means dry reading as one might suppose, these precious archives of our little past.

I have not spoken at all of one very important and delightful feature of the convention, that is the social feature. What a thrill of pleasure each delegate must experience the morning of the first session when, with Thetas from East and West, she takes part in the beautiful opening exercises of the convention. The stir and enthusiasm of the following meetings, the friends made among the members of other chapters, the information and experience gained, must these not all form links in a chain of ever fresh and living memories? Our outside friends always treat us so loyally, too; again and again one reads motions for the acceptance of invitations to teas, receptions, entertainments of various kinds, expressions all of the generous hospitality of other fraternities, members of the college faculty, and individual friends.

The Grand Convention is one of our institutions that could not in any way be dispensed with; for it, with the Grand Council, forms an effective means of government. It solves difficulties wisely and with comparative ease every two years as could no amount of correspondence half as well. It is the most potent factor in keeping up the standing of the fraternity by careful investigation of that of each chapter.



It is a means of more rapid development as offering frequent opportunity for needed changes in policy, government, etc. It insures juster and better-considered action with respect to both ourselves and other fraternities. Finally, it is a biennial concentration of the thoughts and purposes of the whole fraternity, which *must* result in its attaining a more uniform character and a more consistent attitude toward the outside world.

CAROLINE L. HAWKE, *Alpha Beta*.

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### Publications.

#### *Song-Book.*

What can arouse and demonstrate our feelings better than a good old Theta song? A book of such songs was published in 1884 and served well its purpose for three years. Then the need for a more complete collection was felt, and Beta Chapter received as her share of the spoils from the Convention of 1887 the compiling of a new song-book. It would be well to quote Beta, and learn of her the experiences of such an undertaking. She says "Of those who were in that Convention, very, very few have ever beheld that song-book. What Beta suffered will never be known. Finally, some of the songs promised were submitted, though many never materialized and after another period of waiting, many uses of copyrights were secured, and the chapters clamored for their books. But one important item had been neglected, and it was not until November, 1891, that the little volume of song found its way into the hands of Kappa Alpha Theta." All honor to Beta!

The Convention of 1897 ordered another book of songs to be published as soon as possible, the payment of which was to come from the treasury instead of the earlier method of assessing so much per capita. This volume has not yet appeared, but is eagerly anticipated by every Theta.

When recalling some of our songs, we remember how "Theta's Shrine" points out to us the more serious part of

fraternity life, and our ideals and aims are brought vividly before us. On the other hand "Vive L'Amour" makes us realize that we are college girls, bent on having a good time in a wholesome way, yet realizing just as much the true idea of Theta in this outburst of feeling. Each song brings forth that ever-ready, lasting enthusiasm that is sure to be in every Theta's heart; enthusiasm which may rarely be expressed at other times, but which we know is there, as real and dominant as the everlasting sun.

*Catalogue.*

Very little can be told about our catalogue. The first was edited by Alpha in 1888, which was a success financially. The second, by Tau in 1890, and the third and last by Iota in 1895. The catalogue was published every two years, but by a decision which was the result of the Convention of 1891 it is to be published not oftener than once in four years.

In this book we can find much of interest in the statistics of the fraternity, and it is essential to an organization as large and influential as Kappa Alpha Theta.

*Journal.*

Among the several publications of our fraternity, the journal is of the greatest importance since it serves as a connecting link to the various chapters. It is a medium for the intermingling of the ideas and aims of each chapter, a means to bind us more closely to each other by that exchange of thought, and through the journal we learn a little of the pleasures and workings in the other colleges and universities. It is at present a help to every Theta, and we hope it will continue on its upward path, for when we think of the struggle of those chapters who edited it in the earliest days we can notice that nothing but the constant endeavor to make it a success would have accomplished such an end. A short sketch of the first attempt in journalism and the object of the journal will be seen in the following article by Agnes Emery, the first editor-in-chief of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA. She writes: "The year 1885 marks an era in Theta history. In September of that year the first number of KAPPA ALPHA



THETA was issued under the control of Kappa Chapter at Kansas State University."

The following quotation from the introduction in this initial number will show something of the ideas and ideals of the first editors.

"From our own Journal we expect much. The wish to hear from our chapters and to learn something of the aims, objects, and ideas of each. We expect to gain a broader information concerning the colleges in which they are located. We will not neglect literary excellence. Perhaps more than all else we wish to gain an individual and social knowledge of our members. We would like our acquaintance with one another to be at least as intimate as that which we have already established with characters famous in past ages. In short we hope to publish a first-class fraternity magazine. It is well to aim high. We want our kite to fly near the sun."

The magazine was well received from the beginning. The different chapters gave it a loyal support and, perhaps equally important, a good subscription list. Exchanges gave it a cordial welcome and it received kind and flattering notices from many of the old and long established fraternity organs.

Although there were no misfortunes connected with the publishing of the magazine in its earlier days, its editor could relate several amusing experiences. For instance an article which had been very carefully prepared was sent back in the proof sheet with an unusual number of misspelled words. Inquiry developed the fact that an employ   of the printing office, thinking that his knowledge of orthography was better than that of the girl editor, had changed several of the words to suit his fancy. But the editors would prefer to remember the many pleasant hours they spent together, reading the letters from the different chapters until they began to feel intimately acquainted with some of their correspondents.

Perhaps this article would hardly be complete without

some dates and names. The Sixth Biennial Convention of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity which was held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 26th and 27th of March, 1885, voted to establish a fraternity journal and entrusted its management to Kappa Chapter. The first editors were as follows : Agnes Emery, Editor-in-chief ; Maggie E. Eidemiller, May L. Webster, Associate Editors ; Hattie B. Haskell, Business Manager. The price of subscription was \$1.25 per annum. The cover was black with the title in letters of gold. Four numbers were issued in this first volume. Volume II had for its editors ; May E. Miller, Editor-in-chief, Alice E. Bartell, Luella J. Moore, May L. Webster, Associate Editors ; Tella Chapman, Business Manager. Beginning with Vol. II date, number and volume were printed in gold on the journal cover, an improvement contributing both convenience and beauty. Volume II consisted of three numbers, the Seventh Biennial Convention having decided to demand but three numbers—a fall, a midwinter and a commencement one. Vol. III was edited by Mrs. Harriet H. MacDonald, Editor-in-chief ; Kate Merrill, Tella Chapman, Emma Bartell, Associate Editors ; Lillian W. McMillan, Business Manager. There were no changes made in price, number of magazines, in volumes, or in size and appearance of book during this period. Throughout the three volumes are many allusions showing that the editors appreciated and realized the honor and responsibility which the fraternity conferred upon Kappa Chapter in entrusting to it the journal in its early days.

At the Convention held in 1887, Upsilon was elected to publish the JOURNAL. Advice from Kappa was most gladly received but Upsilon was lacking in experience and had several amusing and many trying times. The publishing of a creditable journal was a problem indeed when chapter contributions and funds were lacking, but it improved gradually and steadily.

From 1891 to 1895 Lambda was the editing chapter with a salaried editor.



The editing of the JOURNAL in the Convention of 1895 was transferred to Iota, and at the Convention of 1897, the excellent management of Iota was approved and commended, and the KAPPA ALPHA THETA was again left in her care.

At this time a fine was imposed upon those chapters which were late or failed to submit the required amount of material, and in this way some of the earlier difficulties were obviated.

The experience of Upsilon shows us that work of a purely literary type is not the material for the JOURNAL. She says "Let the JOURNAL be what it was first designed to be; a *newscarrier* among the chapters—let us have more personals, more chapter news, more fraternity news of all kinds. We can find enough and better literature in the strictly literary magazine."

We see this earnest wish to make our periodical a success has wrought a vast improvement in the last ten years, and if we keep our aim ever before us, what will we not attain in years to come.

MARY W. LIPPINCOTT, *Alpha Beta*.

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### The Fraternity Extension Policy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

No member of Kappa Alpha Theta familiar with the constitution can fail to recognize the idea of conservatism upheld by its laws, and though the granting of a new charter has many restrictions, nevertheless the "Fraternity Extension Policy" is a subject worthy much careful thought and discussion,—since upon this depends largely the future welfare of Kappa Alpha Theta. Each chapter of the thirty-one has her own ideas and ideals concerning this policy, and right is it that she should; but from the various interesting reports received from the chapters there seems to prevail the old idea of conservatism upon which Kappa Alpha Theta was founded and which seems to have grown stronger in recent years.

Is it not true that our thoughts and ideas take root and grow from our own experience? Surely it is. Then, is it strange that the chapters in the universities should feel so strongly upon the matter of conservatism and that the smaller colleges, though holding somewhat to this idea, should feel that the "quality, not the quantity," was the basis of judgment. As an instance, let us quote from Brown University the following: "We are glad to notice that through the history of the fraternity the tendency has been to increase rather than diminish this conservatism and rarely to establish chapters in small colleges." Although a "cosmopolitan policy may be more helpful to womankind at large, yet we believe that rigid conservatism is, on the whole, safest and wisest for the fraternity." Says Omega, in the California University of over seven hundred women: "We feel strongly that new chapters should only be established in large colleges and universities founded on a broad basis." Phi chapter rightly sees another objectionable phrase to the granting of a charter to "small colleges." "Small colleges," they say, "being as a rule dependent for an income upon tuition fees and annual contributions, are not desirable locations except under peculiarly favorable conditions." Therefore the source of income and the permanent form of an endowment should certainly be considered, as well as the present standard of work. Such a property qualification is required by the "Collegiate Alumnae" and we might well profit by their experience.

In a smaller college there is a tendency to the reverse, and Nu says: "We approve of Kappa Alpha Theta's policy in regard to extension." But: "In a smaller institution there can be and are just as noble women as in a large one." They claim also that the chapters generally which are small will permit of a closer companionship and acquaintance among all the girls.

The establishment of chapters in *women's colleges*, however, has also occasioned much thought and discussion. It seems hard for the co-educational institutions to reach in



their own minds any definite conclusion regarding the best plans to be pursued in women's colleges of which they have little practical knowledge. Some hail with delight the possibility of further establishment in the leading women's colleges, feeling that these command an increasing prominence in this country, also that, as Alpha Delta says, "the successes of the alumnae of women's colleges should place beyond question the character and ability of their students and that the benefits of fraternity life should be denied the students who prefer a woman's college is unjust." If we claim our fraternity to be anything more than a social organization whose help and association are essential to the students of a co-educational institution, upon what grounds can we exclude students in a woman's college? The fraternity spirit is needed there as much or more than in co-educational colleges.

On the other hand some feel that the policy of Kappa Alpha Theta in the past has been to exclude women's colleges, and so for the future, although they are not opposed to the establishment in these institutions, they feel that (1st) we must consider only the women's colleges of first rank whose standing is equal to a university; (2nd) that co-education is advancing at such a rapid pace that small women's colleges are already thrown into the background; (3rd) that in the co-educational institution there is an incentive to greater loyalty to the fraternity, due perhaps to the influence of contact with a great number of chapters and individual members; and further, that the sorority is modelled after fraternities and will be much saner and broader where it is in touch with them.

Says Phi: "Our general attitude is against placing charters in women's colleges; however, no absolute rule should guide in settling this question. The conditions of the individual college should decide. If there exists the same needs and opportunities for helpfulness in the women's colleges as have led to the development of Theta in co-educational institutions, we see no reason why such a chapter

should not be established. Is not the general attitude of womens' colleges against fraternities? Would it not be very difficult to introduce the fraternity idea into the older women's colleges where the literary societies, class loyalty, and traditional customs have already filled the need?" From the standpoint of the college the fraternity does not seem especially desirable, but from our standpoint we would find in these many noble and worthy women."

In the early days of the Fraternity, it was permissible to establish chapters in institutions with a student body of one hundred and this is the cause no doubt of necessitating the withdrawal of some of the chapters, but by our present constitution our chapters can only find access to colleges of a high standing having three hundred students in the collegiate department. No charter can be granted except to a body of girls who have been bound together in some organization for at least a year. Such requirements in the granting of a new charter are advantageous, for it necessitates a long association of girls who have proved themselves congenial and faithful in the bond of friendship and more worthy to assume the vows of closer sisterhood. Thorough investigation is made by members of various chapters as well as the more mature officers of our grand council, as to the standing of the college or university and the character and ability of each individual girl. As you all know the Constitution with its Amendments have many stipulations to be noted in the case of any enlargement of our chapter roll.

So much for the days of the fraternity already gone by, for with this due deliberation in weighing the various arguments of this extension policy which have arisen on each side, the balance seems small. In the whole we find many opinions of a general character regarding our future policy, which apply to any institution whether it be college or university, co-educational or for women. Therefore let us carefully note the suggestions of the chapters which have a general importance. First, Let our chapters be established only in institutions of high standing. Let no chapters be



established where there already exist several well grounded rival chapters. Let the college have a "good financial backing and an able faculty." Let it be noted also whether it be in sympathy with the fraternity idea. Let there be a most thorough knowledge and fore thought concerning the class of girls and their mental, moral and social growth. "Let us advise," says Omega, "that our list of chapters be not enlarged ; new colleges, however, should take the places of weak chapters already existing.

Lastly, "let it be" the policy of Kappa Alpha Theta to encourage alumnae chapters. There is nothing that shows more clearly to the outside world what the fraternity really means to its members than the Alumnae Chapters. They prove that the fraternity is not a narrow organization confined within the limits of college walls, but that its ideals are high and noble enough for us to have always before us.

But above all, sister Thetas, let us maintain the ideas and ideals upon which our fraternity was founded. Let every institution wherein our chapter is placed be one worthy of the chapter and let each girl of all the chapters be worthy of the vows which she takes,—of the kite she wears upon her breast, and the trust which each sister Theta from the Atlantic to Pacific has placed forever in her keeping.

In our "extension policy" let us maintain the present conservative spirit, and, as Alpha Delta has well expressed it, let us remember "that the old rule of 'quality not quantity' holds with the general fraternity as well as with each individual chapter. It will mean more to a Theta to realize that her fraternity means an organization of the best, who always constitute a minority, than to indulge in vain glorying that her fraternity is the largest."

MARGERY PYLE, *Alpha Beta*.

## ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

### Alpha Alumnae.

During the summer of 1889 the alumnae members of Kappa Alpha Theta residing in Greencastle conceived the idea of a Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter. After holding several meetings, information was asked of the Grand Convention, which was held in October of that year, as to whether provision had ever been made for alumni chapters. We learned that there was no provision for such chapters in the constitution. We continued to hold our meetings, however, and in April, 1891, the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club was organized.

A few months after our organization as a club was completed, the Constitution of Kappa Alpha Theta was so amended as to admit of alumnae chapters, and on March 1, 1893, the charter for Alpha Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta was granted to the chapter of twenty-one members.

Since our organization we have held nine regular meetings each year, meeting once a month on Saturday afternoons, except during the summer months. We expect in the future to hold ten meetings during each year, one meeting being devoted to the election of officers and the reading of letters from corresponding members.

The first part of our meeting is a private business session. After the business is transacted the program is called for and occupies most of the afternoon. The program consists of a topic assigned to some member who leads the conversation. Each member is expected to be prepared to take part in the conversation. The topic is usually along some literary line. After the program, refreshments are served and a social half-hour is pleasantly spent. Guests are usually present for the program and social hour.

Our club is a member of the Greencastle League of Clubs



and of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. We have at present eighteen members, representing three chapters—Alpha, Delta and Tau—beside a number of corresponding members. The members of Alpha have kindly invited us to use their chapter house for our meetings whenever it is convenient for us to do so, and we have gladly accepted the invitation. The two chapters are now engaged in preparing for a reunion of all former members of Alpha, to take place in June.

The history of Alpha Alumnae has been short and uneventful, but full of deepest interest to its members.

MARY BARWICK WRIGHT.

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#### Beta Alumnae.

In the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis fraternity spirit is constantly fanned by the Greek breezes from the university. This may account for the fact that enough Theta alumnae were easily found in the two cities ready to renew and to strengthen fraternity interest by connecting themselves with an alumnae chapter. The chapter was formed early in 1895 with thirteen charter members drawn from four active chapters; Alpha, Alpha Beta, Iota, and Upsilon.

Notwithstanding the fact that the members of Beta Alumnae are all busy women either teaching or with families of their own, interest and enthusiasm are not lacking and the meetings are well attended and very enjoyable. The meetings are sometimes purely social and informal, sometimes literary in character, including reviews of some of the modern novels, etc. Occasionally we meet with the active chapter, but we are so widely scattered here in Minneapolis and St. Paul that we can not get together very often. We keep up a strong interest in our active sisters however, and are very justly proud of them and their success. And we enjoy

very much, again coming into touch through them with active college and fraternity life.

The alumnae chapter has drawn the alumnae nearer together and shown us that fraternities are a matter of a lifetime and not merely of the four college years. It is our hope that Thetas visiting in our vicinity will make themselves known to our corresponding secretary, and our best wish for Theta alumnae, living perhaps in ignorance of each other in large cities, is that they too may become organized as alumnae chapters for their own good and for Kappa Alpha Theta's advancement.

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### Gamma Alumnae.

Four years ago, in the early spring, I received a note appointing a time and place of meeting for Thetas resident in New York and vicinity, for the purpose of establishing an organization of some sort. I believe the expression "alumnae chapter" did not appear in this notice, and at that time I was quite ignorant of the existence of such chapters; but when the time for the meeting came, the half dozen active members of Iota who originated the movement had a copy of the Alumnae Constitution, which was read to the assembled Thetas. Very little discussion was necessary to convince us all that this was the form most desirable for our organization to assume, and we determined without delay to apply for a charter for an alumnae chapter.

At this first meeting there were present alumnae from Alpha, Epsilon, Iota, Lambda and Pi, and of these, eight became charter members of Gamma Alumnae. Since receiving our charter, in April, 1895, we have held regular monthly chapter meetings, eight months in the year, at the homes of the different members, and these meetings, I feel assured, have proved to be a source of much pleasure to the Thetas who have attended them.



Our members vary every year, as change of residence, or absorbing domestic or professional cares deprive us of our members; but we are rejoiced oftener by accessions to our chapter of those who come to reside permanently or temporarily in New York. Unfortunately we are widely scattered, and the majority must make a real effort to attend the meetings, but the effort seems well worth while, for we find a keen pleasure in renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones, among Theta sisters.

The question periodically arises, "Ought we not, as a chapter, to undertake some work of a definite character?" The result of repeated discussions of this question is a conviction, quite generally shared, that we could not successfully undertake any work of either a literary or philanthropic character, as we are all very busy people, and find ourselves quite content with social intercourse alone, in the chapter.

We did feel that we had accomplished a worthy as well as a very pleasant task, in promoting the establishment last year of Alpha Zeta; and we hoped we should be able to be of some assistance to her members, in building up the chapter; but even this, I regret to say, has been more of a pleasant prospect than an accomplished fact, for Barnard College is all but inaccessible to many of us, and it is only semi-occasionally that we can individually make the chapter a visit. So about all we do is to shower them with good wishes. We had the pleasure of entertaining Alpha Zeta at luncheon in February, and there is a mutual desire that the chapters may see more of each other. I have found it most delightful, on occasions when I have been at Barnard, to breathe again the college atmosphere, under the charming auspices of our new chapter's hospitality.

The Alumnae Chapter is the tie which binds together the different chapters of our fraternity, as the active chapter does its individual members; I find that we of Gamma Alumnae feel a much keener interest in, and closer acquaintance with, the several chapters from which our different members come, than we would be likely to derive from any

other source. So I believe that the alumnae chapters, as they increase in number and in membership, may accomplish a far-reaching good by cementing ties between alumnae of different active chapters, thus broadening the horizon of our fraternity life, from that of the local chapter, to that of the fraternity at large.

A. C. B., *Iota*.

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### Delta Alumnae.

In the winter of '96 the first suggestion was made that led to the organization of our chapter. Jessie Beal had been very active in the reestablishment of Eta, so it was natural that the name of Jessie Beal-Baker should appear as one of the committee to organize an alumnae chapter. The committee wrote to all Thetas living in and near Chicago inviting them to meet and talk over plans for an organization. We did meet and found that our Theta loyalty made us look forward to having a chapter ; so we applied to the Grand Council for a charter.

After receiving her bit of parchment, her right to live, Delta Alumnae Chapter began to look about for a place to live. This was not an easy task, for no kind faculty assigned us a room, as was the case when we were in college. Mandel's Old Dutch room has been our regular meeting place during the last year.

Our homes in the different suburbs are so widely separated that a central place of meeting is the most convenient, if not the cosiest. Several times we have journeyed north or west of the city to meet with one of the ladies in her home and these gatherings have been especially delightful. One of our members entertained us at Lewis Institute, a preparatory school in the city where the studios, libraries, laboratories and shop-rooms are thoroughly modern and well equipped. We spent an hour admiring the equipments of the school, then another hour enjoying the products of the scientific kitchen.



We have found that we cannot undertake literary work, for our members are most of them club women and find plenty of work for their pens in their clubs. In these various clubs our members take their part in philanthropic work, so in our chapter meetings we devote a short time to business, then we talk about Kappa Alpha Theta, what she was, and is, and ought to be.

Our membership is drawn from so many different active chapters that we have the opportunity of keeping in very close touch with all of these chapters. Tau is our nearest neighbor; she has given us some of our most loyal members, and gives us cordial help when we ask for it. Those who were in Evanston during the rainy week last October will not forget Tau's hospitality. If the Grand Council decides upon a summer convention, and it looks as if that would be the decision, we of Delta alumnae hope that we shall not be too much scattered on our vacation trips to welcome in Chicago the delegates, homeward bound.

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### Epsilon Alumnae.

Epsilon Alumnae was established at Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1897, with eight charter members, seven from Alpha Gamma and one from Eta. The present membership is twelve, Alpha Gamma, Eta and Zeta being represented.

The chapter meetings are held monthly at the homes of the members and are largely social. During the winter of 1897-8 considerable work was done in American fiction, representative writers of the various sections being studied. During the season of 1898-9 the programs have been much less regular, involving no preparation on the part of anyone excepting the hostess.

The location of Epsilon Alumnae in the same city with Alpha Gamma has of course brought the two chapters in touch with each other. Joint meetings have occasionally been held to discuss matters of common interest and fre-

quently the members of Epsilon have been invited to attend the regular meetings of the active chapter. Of course all resident Thetas are always welcomed to the initiations. During the last two years the two chapters have united in entertaining a district convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma and a national convention of Phi Delta Theta. Altogether, the relations between the active and alumnae chapters have been most cordial and intimate and have served to keep fraternity enthusiasm in Epsilon Alumnae at a high pitch.

The alumnae chapter has come to feel that its main usefulness is not to promote literary study, which can be pursued in outside clubs, but to keep its members, busy women in widely separated walks, in touch with each other, with the local active chapter, and with the general fraternity. A delegate has been sent to every convention, national or district, and the chapter would welcome any other opportunity to become better acquainted with the life and aims of all the active chapters and with the policy of the fraternity.

WINIFRED CRAINE.

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### Zeta Alumnae.

A number of old magazines lay scattered promiscuously on a wide shelf. Their term of active usefulness was past—supposedly—though they served for reference occasionally. Those recently removed from the reading tables felt this keenly, and their pages curled at the corners at such indignity. The rest rustled their leaves in sympathy but bade them be resigned.

Now it happened there was great similarity in these “back-numbers” and they seemed rather above the average. They presented lofty ideals and noble aims and there were the same threads of love, loyalty, and truth running through them all. Why not join together? Why not indeed? One in spirit—one in truth.

This was the beginning of the volume of Zeta, and its first



few months were very successful. It was intended merely for recreation and amusement, and its purpose was more than accomplished.

This year the affair is a little more pretentious. Zeta becomes literary—not desperately and disastrously literary—but just in a measure to develop her character, and the original purpose is not lost sight of. Though not following the lead of the other monthly magazines in portraying the army and navy heroes, her popularity is unquestioned and her future seems assured.

It appears there is no limit to the possibilities and development of the original material, and there is constantly a fresh supply. Alpha, Beta, and Nu are the chief contributors, though a few others are sometimes represented.

It is the desire and purpose that the volume may continue to grow in strength and usefulness as each new leaflet is bound in with the rest; and that all praise and glory be reflected on Kappa Alpha Theta, of which it has the honor to be a part.

HATTIE MARY TUTEWILER.

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### Eta Alumnae.

Eta Alumnae Chapter was founded just one year ago, by graduate members of Lambda Chapter who are resident in Burlington. We have now sixteen members, but as yet none from any other chapter than Lambda.

We determined at the outset, to make our relations with the active chapter as intimate as possible, and as the first step, we voted to share the expense of the chapter rooms and to invite the active chapter to attend our meetings.

As we are all busy women with many demands upon our time, it seemed best to hold but four meetings during the year. The arrangements for these meetings are in the hands of committees who decide what form the gathering shall

take. We have had for one a lecture by a prominent educationalist, for another a reception during Commencement week to all college women in town; this reception, by the way, was so eminently successful that we intend to make it an annual occurrence. The other three meetings are held in the fall, winter and spring.

We have already established a strong bond of fellowship with the active chapter and have benefitted much from contact with the throbbing pulse of active college and fraternity life. Our alumnae chapter, young though it is, has made its own place in our lives, a place which nothing else can ever fill.

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### Theta Alumnae.

At the annual banquet of Alpha Beta in 1898 it was proposed that an alumni chapter be formed in Philadelphia.

Aroused by the enthusiasm of our Grand President, Caroline Walter, a number of the alumnae gathered in Swarthmore's halls, in April, and voted to form a chapter, upon which we applied for our charter.

Theta Alumnae's first regular meeting was held in October, at the home of one of our Philadelphia sisters. By this time we had gathered several enthusiastic Thetas from other chapters, having twelve members in all.

Our girls being widely scattered and all busily engaged, we planned to have but five regular meetings a year, which are held at the homes of different members, mostly those living near the central portion of the city.

So far our meetings have been of a social character, except for the small routine business. We have enjoyed reading chapter letters, and try to keep in touch with the general fraternity as much as possible, and to give and receive inspiration from the active chapter so near us, at Swarthmore.

Although Alpha Beta and Iota are the only chapters at present represented, there are several sisters from other



chapters, Alpha and Beta, who have attended our meetings and whom we trust will soon add their names to our roll.

One of these, Mrs. Lelia D. Mott, has very kindly offered to entertain us at the April meeting, at her home in Bryn Mawr.

We are always overjoyed to find a "new Theta," and especially when she represents a different chapter, but as yet we have come upon most of these by accident. We wish, as Delta Alumnae suggests, that the chapters or individuals would let us know when sisters come to Philadelphia to live or to visit. We have a social committee appointed to call upon any such, and we wish all Thetas living near Philadelphia to join Theta Alumnae.

We hope to make a strong chapter here in Philadelphia and trust that in being bound together we may be able to give more inspiration to the world as fraternity women, and ever be a help in sustaining the issues of Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARY SCHOFIELD ASH.

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### Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern California.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern California was organized in April of 1898. Through the efforts of several loyal Thetas, a constitution was drawn up and signed. This constitution was intended to be temporary as the club is working for an Alumnae Chapter but the members wish the club to be strong and active before they apply for a charter.

Meetings are held in Ebell Hall in Los Angeles on the second Saturday of each month. The work for the year is outlined and at each meeting something definite is taken up. The fraternity constitution is studied, the JOURNAL is read and discussed, subjects of fraternity interest are considered. They try to take a general view, a prospective, as it were, of the whole fraternity. In our chapter lives, we are likely to study our own individual chapter and lose sight of the fact

that we are but a part of a great whole. In their work, they realize this, and think the Alumnae club or chapter the place for the broader view. The latter part of the meeting is always social. The hostess appointed for each meeting serves simple refreshments and there is a general chat.

At present the room in Ebell Hall is hired for each meeting but the plan is that in the rosy future there shall be a room permanently belonging to the club. The Hall is near the shopping region and the cosily furnished room with couch, tea table, and magazines, will be a pleasant meeting and resting place for all Thetas.

The entertaining of visiting Thetas forms a large part of the work of the Club. There are guests at almost every meeting and in both the summer and Christmas vacations all the Thetas of Southern California have been entertained.

At present the chapter roll includes Mrs. Bessie Eaton Hammond, Mrs. Catharine Coffin, and Edith Coffin from Alpha ; Helen Shields from Beta ; Mrs. Josephine Lippincott from Kappa ; Mrs. Cora Cass Packard, Ida Lindley, Katherine Winans, Nina Martin, Bessie Whitcomb, Cora Snodgrass, Sada Johnston, Minerva Cook, Katherine Miltimore, Mattie Clark, from Omicron ; Katherine Nash and Edith Hill from Phi ; Mrs. Lou Whipple McCrea, from Omega.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is October 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

### Alpha District.

#### IOTA CHAPTER—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 10; number of active members, 15; seniors, 4; juniors, 5; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 3; graduate, 0; special, 0; graduates from other chapters, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Mable Clare Almy . . . . . Ithaca, N. Y.  
Isabelle Robertson . . . . . 29 Willow St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
I. Jenney Gilbert . . . . . 170 State St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Effie Murray Abrams . . . . . Washington St., Hartford, Conn.

Number of faculty in university, 225; number of students, 1,835.  
Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 23; Alpha Phi, 25; Delta Gamma, 18; Kappa Alpha Theta, 15.  
Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Chi, Delta Phi, Kappa Sigma.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

The Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was established at Cornell in January, 1881, with three members, Olga Neyman (Glücksman), a senior, and Jessie Boulton (Thorpe) and Josephine Baum, sophomores. As this was the first

attempt to establish at Cornell a woman's fraternity the new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta met with scant welcome. Indeed, so general and so determined was the opposition that no more members were secured that year. In the fall of 1881 Jessie Boulton was the only one of the three who returned to the University. Naturally, she was disheartened at the prospect of carrying on the enterprise alone in the face of so much opposition. However, this one of our charter members was particularly fitted to meet the trying situation. She was young and very gentle and unaggressive. To declare war against her alone, seemed hardly worth while and it was taken for granted that nothing more would be heard at Cornell about women's fraternities.

But in spirit this little sister was truly indomitable; and showed herself possessed then of the qualities which have, since her college days, made her an efficient and most helpful member of the community in which she has lived. Quietly she wrought and before Christmas 1881 she had the pleasure of seeing the Kappa Alpha Theta badge worn by seven of her more trusted friends. A little later three more joined and the end of the year saw Kappa Alpha Theta firmly established at Cornell with eleven as strong members as have ever belonged to Iota.

It is interesting to note that three of these eleven are now wives of Stanford professors, and one of them is herself a Stanford professor.

Early in the year 1882 a chapter room was secured in Sage College. This continued the happy and much loved home of Iota for eight years when the crowded condition of the building permitted it no longer.

In 1883 Iota was called upon to welcome a chapter of a sister fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma. This was done with genuine good feeling. In fact, Kappa Alpha Theta at Cornell has ever extended cordial welcome to the sister fraternities here established and has sought ever to maintain friendly relations with them and has ever encouraged Pan



Hellenic conferences. At the suggestion of Iota in 1887 the experiment of pledging no freshmen until a certain date, previously agreed upon by the different fraternities was tried for the first time. This experiment was made a success at the beginning by the cordial co-operation of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the custom has been continued up to the present year.

The year of 1886 was a critical one for Kappa Alpha Theta owing to differences of opinion concerning the general policy of the fraternity which ended in severing the Ann Arbor chapter from the organization. The Ann Arbor and Cornell Chapters had always maintained very close relations ; and when the Ann Arbor Chapter changed to a college branch of Sorosis, there was a strong influence exerted for Iota to do likewise. However, this danger was tided over, and the members of that period remained most loyal to the kite.

The question of a chapter house for Iota has often been discussed, and has always been most earnestly desired. Only the unfavorable attitude on the part of the Cornell authorities toward allowing women's chapter houses upon the campus, has prevented the Thetas from having a home there. When ex-President White was made minister to Germany, arrangements were made for Iota to occupy his palatial Cornell home—a delectable plan—which was frustrated by the trustees of the university, who made a rule that no woman's fraternity should occupy a home on the campus.

In 1898 there had been about seventy graduates from the Iota Chapter. One-third of these had won highest honors in Scholarship ; seventeen were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and six to Sigma Xi.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 19 ; number of active members, 16 ; seniors, 4 ; juniors, 4 ; sophomores, 4 ; freshmen, 4.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Beatrice S. May . . . . .	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Emma Richardson . . . . .	Richmond, Vt.
Geneva A. Jones . . . . .	Northfield, Vt.
Helen L. Hodge . . . . .	Burlington, Vt.
E. Mabel Brownell, '01 . . . . .	Burlington, Vt.

Number of faculty in the university, 34; number of students, 554. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 16; Pi Beta Phi, 14; Delta Delta Delta, 14. Men's fraternities: Lambda Iota (local), Sigma Phi, Delta Psi (local), Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu. Medical: Delta Mu (local), Phi Chi (local), Alpha Kappa Kappa.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

The fraternities at Vermont University have never met opposition of any sort—perhaps because so many of the faculty are themselves fraternity men. Indeed, the history of our chapter has very little of startling interest.

Women were first admitted to the academical courses in 1871, and in 1872 a local society called Alpha Rho was organized among them. With this society as a basis was established in 1881 Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. At this time nearly if not all the girls in college were included in its membership. Now there are two other good sized fraternities and also a number of non-fraternity girls.

The first home of the fraternity was that which it now occupies and meagre were its furnishings as compared with those we now have. In 1885 was built, with the aid of Mrs. Julia Spear, the little chapter house which was the "Kats Kradle" until 1897. Then it seemed best to find a home which would be less care to the girls, for the house was not used as a lodge, but merely opened for the Saturday evening meetings. And now we are back in the old house on College street which is a most cosy and pleasant home.

The ninth biennial convention of Kappa Alpha Theta was held with Lambda Chapter in 1891. At this convention the Grand Council was inaugurated and provision for alumne chapters was made. The convention also made Lambda



the editing chapter of the fraternity Journal for a term of four years. Mittie Skinner, now Mrs. Edson Peck of Bristol Connecticut was the editor-in-chief.

Here we should like to give brief mention of one whose memory we prize dearly. Her name was Clara French—one of the first members of our chapter. She left Vermont University and was graduated at Smith College. She then went to England for post-graduate work with her friend and classmate, Vida Scudder. There the two young women visited Toynbee Hall, and were awakened to such interest that they returned to America, and were among the pioneers of the college settlement movement in New York city. Miss French accepted the chair of English Literature offered her at Wellesley, but died very suddenly. Her's was a short, but richly influential life.

This last year of the nineteenth century is not a history making era with us, but it is, perhaps, quite as good and profitable as the times of more apparent activity.

#### MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 10; number of active members, 13; seniors, 2; juniors, 3; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 3; special, 2.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Winifred Parshall . . . . . Tidioute, Penna.  
Ella Craig . . . . . Warren, Ohio.  
Grace Jenks . . . . . Meadville, Penna.  
Maude Shaddock . . . . . Meadville, Penna.  
Bessie Dutton (pledged) . . . . . Meadville, Penna.

Number of faculty in the university, 17; number of students, 300.  
Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 14; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12; Alpha Chi Omega, 13. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

When Mu made her appearance in Allegheny College she was greeted with delight by her brother Greeks and was

treated with as much respect and consideration as could be desired. The girls were seven in number, and had been initiated some little time before they announced themselves as wearers of the kite, their secret meetings and the ponderous weight of the secret itself making their position very interesting.

For a year and more the meetings were held at the homes and in the rooms of the girls but they soon saw the necessity of a fraternity home and set about the task of finding a suitable place. In this they gained the sympathy of the faculty and were given their choice of the five available rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, the ladies' dormitory, to be held until it should be needed as a music room. These were bare unfurnished rooms, with yawning cracks in the walls and ceilings, but they were looked upon as exceedingly good for the purpose, and the one having the fewest cracks in the plaster was chosen—a medium sized hall with plenty of windows and an excellent view. Then came the work of furnishing. Their loyalty to their colors is best shown in the plan the girls made for decorating the floor, it was to be painted black in the center with a gold border. The work of painting was given into the hands of two of the dignified members who immediately fell to work. Whether the effect was not as pleasing as was expected, or the committee became discouraged and gave it up, or the paint, put on with such lavish hands, was too expensive the records fail to state, at any rate it all ended by the purchase of a carpet. However, a large patch of yellow paint can now be seen on one corner of the floor and remains a memorial to the loyalty of the "old girls." The floor and walls being covered, the furnishings were partially contributed by the girls themselves while the men's fraternities helped out in the way of chairs, a table, and other necessities.

There were many little midnight spreads in the fraternity room but the regular meetings, held every Saturday night, were of both an intellectual and social character, as when



some brilliant sister would devise a peculiarly fitting entertainment,—a drama or a masquerade.

But the saddest of the meetings was the banquet given to the seniors Commencement week—when the dinner was served by the girls themselves and most of the dishes also were prepared by them and their willing feet made countless trips from the kitchen to the fourth floor. During the banquet the waiters often would be obliged to stop their work and have a little cry in their aprons at the thought of the broken circle next year. The menu cards were usually cut in some suggestive shape and were decorated and written by the artistic members.

Thus the time passed quickly, the chapter changing each year but all loyal and true, everyone, until one sad day there was a catastrophe. The steam pipes for heating the room burst, and when the discovery was made almost everything was ruined and the room doomed to a watery grave.

This was not looked upon as a misfortune, despite the fact that the chapter then numbered thirteen, for a larger and pleasanter room was chosen and the old one was planned to be used for a dining room. And so began another time of furnishing a room, but this time it was not so difficult, as there were more *alumnæ*, and they helped royally, and now Mu's home is a beautiful place where her children love to go and they are as much attached to it as are some of the more fortunate sisters to their chapter houses.

The record made by the founders of Mu in scholarship and social standing has been a source of pride to the younger generation, and they too are trying to live up to the highest that Theta demands.

This has been a history of small things but it is these little things that make us enjoy to the fullest the reminiscent letters of the women now married and in homes of their own. Things have changed since those times, but there is the same loyalty to Theta in all and no bond can be closer than that which binds together the children of dear old Mu.

## CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

## CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 13; number of active members, 25; seniors, 3; juniors, 9; sophomores, 6; freshmen, 5; special, 2.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Carrie Douglass . . . . .	Batavia, N. Y.
E. Margarie Millen . . . . .	New York City.
Estelle Carter Tooke . . . . .	Charleston, Ill.
E. Bird Cunningham . . . . .	Syracuse, N. Y.
Cora E. Soper . . . . .	Syracuse, N. Y.
Marion Brown . . . . .	Syracuse, N. Y.
Mary Curtis . . . . .	Syracuse, N. Y.
Eunice Pierson . . . . .	Waterloo, N. Y.

Number of faculty in the university, 124; number of students, 1,200. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 25; Gamma Phi Beta, 40; Alpha Phi, 30; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 24; Delta Delta Delta, 21; Pi Beta Phi, 22. Men's fraternities: Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was installed October 10, 1889. Thetas from Cornell University came to Syracuse to initiate the girls and install the chapter. The charter girls had been banded together nearly a year in a local organization known as Kappa Delta Phi, for the express purpose of getting a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta. An application had been made two years previous to this, and was refused.

The charter members were: Katherine Van Benschoten, Louise P. Graff, Marcia A. Carpenter, Lulu Kern, Ada P. Parker, Jessica B. Marshall, Florence A. Larrabee, May E. Brown, Elsa L. Ames, Martha A. Beecher.

The chapter has had since its organization 105 members. Until June 30, 1898, there had been no deaths in the chapter. The first loss by death was Bertha E. Davis, an active member, a sophomore in college. The next death occurred



very recently, an alumni member, Mrs. Edith Countryman Hedrich, who died December 20, 1898, at her home in Bradford, Pa. She graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Painting, in 1891.

The fifth year of its life, Chi Chapter, following the example of eight other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta (two of which own their houses), went into a lodge at 808 University avenue, and after two years moved to 720 Irving Avenue, which is the present home.

The fall of 1895 Chi Chapter entertained the National Biennial convention, which brought to this young chapter delegates from twenty-one active and three alumnae chapters.

The present chapter numbers twenty-seven.

The policy of the fraternity is opposed to the admission of special students, four only having been received since its organization.

#### ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 3; number of active members, 15; seniors, 3; juniors, 6; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 2.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates.*

Caroline Clothier . . . . . Wynnewood, Pa.  
Edith Coale . . . . . Riverton, N. J.

Number of faculty in university, 20; number of students, 188. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9; Pi Beta Phi, 13. Men's fraternities: Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

The following sketch of the founding of Alpha Beta Chapter was written by two of the charter members, Helen and Annie Hillborn, whose home is in Swarthmore:

About the year 1890, a little society was founded at Swarthmore College and called the Phi Delta Pi. Its charter members were, some of them, most original girls, and con-

sequently the whole thing was unique. The invitations were weird, having only a desire for pure fun as the reason for their being ; later, as the society grew, there was more to it than the mere initiation, and its characteristics become those of a Fraternity. The badge was a penny cut in half, polished on one side and marked  $\Phi. \Delta. \Pi.$  One day, after this club had grown past its greatest usefulness, it was proposed that a real Fraternity chapter be organized. The girls had grown apart somewhat, for various causes, and the founders of the club, as Seniors, were very different from the little Sophomores who had so many deep interests in common. Just before the 91's graduated, three 92's, members of Phi Delta Pi, decided to work definitely for a Fraternity, and that Fraternity to be Kappa Alpha Theta, the one their sisters and cousins had joined at Cornell. After a great deal of talk on the subject, and plans and dreams, they went to the Dean. She listened quietly to them and then said : "Three other girls have had the same thought ; you had better see them before you take further steps."

This we did, and after the first surprise was over, six of us met in the Dean's room ; there, in the greatest secrecy, we decided which of our mutual friends should join us for charter members. Then letters flew from place to place while we were learning what must be done in order to obtain the charter. Finally all was settled, and in October, 1891, Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was founded,—the first woman's Fraternity at Swarthmore. Nine charter members were initiated at the home of two of the village girls, by the Cornell Chapter. Miss Grace Caldwell administered the pledge and three other girls who were Swarthmore graduates, but who had taken an additional degree at Cornell, assisted.

Were we scared? Of course we were ; who is not? The girls tried hard to make us feel the deep solemnity of the occasion, and succeeded, for we were all very much impressed, though the initiation ceremony was much simpler and not so solemn as that now in use by our girls at the Col-



lege. We shall never forget with what importance we walked into chapel the following morning! We felt as if the College would hardly hold us. We were very warmly welcomed by our two "Brother" Fraternities, and began our new life under most favorable circumstances. Of course we had our trials, it is natural and right that we should, for through them we gained in strength and unity.

The progress of the Fraternity, as it exists at Swarthmore, has ever been one of advancement. Each year, I believe the girls realize more fully the extent of the responsibility they assume when they enter the Fraternity, and strive harder to keep it up to the high standard that it should maintain as a Fraternity. Swarthmore is a small College and there is work for any Fraternity whose motto is for advancement, not of its own members first but of the College family, where self-centredness is deplored and earnest striving for the best in life is met with a helping hand—such a Fraternity chapter are we striving to be.

Swarthmore College is such a little world in itself with all the students in one big building, that the need for a chapter house has never been so strongly felt as under other circumstances. For one winter we had a room in that famous building the West House, which was the home of the artist, Benjamin West and is on the College campus. There we held our meetings and gathered for many a Theta "jollification," but the room was needed for other purposes and so given up by us. The juniors and seniors have two rooms and their cosy little sitting rooms are so homelike that we do not feel so keenly the lack of a real fraternity home.

Owing partly to this lack of a chapter house, which is also the case with the other women's Fraternities here, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma, there is very little entertaining done by the chapters as such. In 1896, we gave a reception in one of our largest rooms for Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi and we have been entertained by both of their chapters. But the custom of a chapter giving a reception to a class or the College is unknown at Swarthmore.

On January 29th, 1897, Alpha Beta held her first banquet, and each year since then, on the first Saturday after January 28th, we have celebrated the founding of the Fraternity in the same way. Grace A. Brosius, '97, Elizabeth B. Miller, '95, and Hannah C. Hull, '91, have been our three toast mistresses and I am sure I can safely say that each one of us looks back upon her initiations and the banquets as the happiest features of fraternity life.

Perhaps this statement should also include our house parties, for if royal good times are ever had, it is then. The four past summers have each found a group of Thetas gathered together under some spacious roof of a Pennsylvania farm house, and there we have spent ten days or two weeks of a free, happy country life, with no men, no restraints, no obstacles to our doing just as we pleased. For the last three years we have had for chaperone a married Theta, and were especially favored last summer, as Mrs. Walter undertook that onerous duty. It is hard for us who know her so well as a bright, fun loving college girl, to realize that for you she impersonates only the dignified Grand President.

Among the alumnae of Alpha Beta, while we have no names of historic greatness, many of the girls have been influential in furthering the college interests and in other directions. Hannah C. Hull, '91, has devoted the greater part of her time since she was graduated, to that "work that has no reward except the doing of it, and the blessing it confers on other lives," and mainly through her influence, Swarthmore has become actively interested in the College Settlements of Philadelphia, where she has spent many hours in labor of love. Lucy B. Price, '95, is a prominent member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, fostering her national and fraternity patriotism at the same time. The name of Caroline Sargent Walter, '94, and a member of Pi Beta Kappa is as well known to all of you as to us. Coming from her home in St. Paul, Minnesota, she soon made many warm friends among



the students and faculty and gained a well deserved reputation for ability in both an intellectual and practical field. Through her great interest and indefatigable zeal for the welfare of her Fraternity, she became Grand Secretary and is now the Grand President of the Fraternity.

Several of the girls have married, a few are teaching, while all have demonstrated the warmest personal interest in the active chapter. What would we do without our alumnae always ready to laugh away our blues and discouragement, to help us in our troubles and to applaud us in our success?

Troubles we have had, but the successes have come too, tinged with a brighter happiness for the difficulties. No chapter life runs perfectly smoothly, there must be jars, but Alpha Beta can look back upon nine years of a very bright existence and is anticipating a still more successful, happy future.

#### ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 1; number of active member, 17; seniors, 3; juniors, 4; sophomores, 7; freshmen, 1; special, 2.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Alice Powell Bennett . . . 24 East Huntingdon Ave., Baltimore, Md.  
Suzanne Winter Sands . . . . . Jersey City, N. J.  
Mary Porter Boss (pledged). . . 243 Allegheny Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

Number of faculty in college, 21; number of students, 271.  
Women's fraternities and number in chapters: Delta Gamma, 14;  
Alpha Phi, 17; Tau Kappa Pi, 18; Gamma Phi Beta, 14; Pi Beta Phi,  
16; Delta Delta Delta, —.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

A history of Alpha Delta should emphasize first the year of struggle and persistent effort of the six girls banded together in September, '95, with the purpose of forming a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. With this mention of their praiseworthy perseverance, a constant inspiration to our

effort, we may begin this chronicle with the date May 15, 1896, when Alpha Delta was established with the following girls as charter members: Emma F. Weeks, Cora L. Gardner (Penniman), Eva M. Blake, M. Maude Kingman, M. Onnolee Countryman, Elizabeth F. Sooy, Phoebe J. Appleyard (Staples), Mary E. Sears.

Enthusiasm and inexperience may perhaps best characterize our first year. We may be excused from dwelling upon our mistakes; suffice it to say that we made them and our wisdom came sometimes at the expense of pride. Success, however, on the whole crowned our eager efforts and, in December, '96, we shared our fraternity joys with eight other girls: Bonnie L. Marshall, Alice J. Tone, Antoinette F. Fullerton, Emma Lou Cunningham, Carolyn E. Golding, Ida Evans, Jane Dobbins and Zora Baker. A large room in the city was the scene of our joys that year. One evening we were happily surprised by the presentation by our Senior girls of "*La Cigale chez les Fourmis*," translated by Emma F. Weeks. Our first anniversary was hailed as a jubilee day and marked by a spirited presentation of Howell's "*Mousetrap*," "*Willis*" and "*Amy*," immortalized by the Kodak still adorn our walls. Our first annual banquet held at the Rennet was one long to be remembered.

An unfortunate loss of many of our members, new and old, including our three ninety-seven girls, made us feel rather weak at the beginning of our next year. But persistency and energy brought to us a goodly number of initiates. These were Alice J. Dinger, Lillian M. Arthur, Virginia Norris, Ethel Hendrickson, Mary G. Stevenson, Ethel C. Sharp, Harriet S. Baker, four of whom are town girls.

Our delegate to the convention this year was Phoebe J. Appleyard, who brought back to us the most lovely account of that gathering.

Our room this year was in the College buildings and our chapter life was gay with good times there and at the homes of our city girls, always generous in their hospitality.



Conspicuous among our social functions was the celebration of our second anniversary by the presentation of "A Bachelor's Dream" at the home of Ethel Sharp.

At the beginning of the year '98-99 we felt severely the loss of Phoebe Appleyard Staples, upon whose strong counsels we were wont to rely. After a short rushing season, we initiated Suzanne W. Sands, Alice P. Bennett and Mary P. Boss. Our chapter room, which is in the city again this year, has received many handsome donations from generous friends and alumnae, and is now very attractively furnished. Our main effort this season has been directed toward the development of the chapter along various lines, and we believe that we are stronger than ever before.

Thus ends the history of these three short years. We trust that ours may be a distinguished place among true Thetas, and that our efforts as a chapter may mean always the exaltation of the standard of our fraternity.

#### ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 8; number of active members, 23; seniors, 8; juniors, 4; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 6; special, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates.*

Amy Jencks Cooke . . . . .	Woonsocket, R. I.
Lillian May Gamwell . . . . .	Providence, R. I.
Abbie Sweetland Ghodey . . . . .	Providence, R. I.
Millicent Rawson Leete . . . . .	Pawtucket, R. I.
Katherine Francis Littlefield . . . . .	Providence, R. I.
Ella Artemisia Pollard . . . . .	Attleborough, R. I.
Grace Margaret Hamilton . . . . .	Providence, R. I.

Number of faculty in University, 87; number of students, 925. Women's fraternities and number in chapters: Kappa Alpha Theta, 33; (locals) Alpha Beta, 22; Delta Sigma, 18. Men's fraternities: Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Kappa Sigma.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

One day, when the present chapter editor of Alpha Epsilon was a wee freshman, she was suddenly and mysteriously confronted in a corner of the hall by two upper-class girls whom she had never seen before. They asked her to meet them and some of their friends at a certain girl's home on a certain afternoon. It was a rash thing to do, but the freshman thought she should like the upper-class girls, so she promised to go. She had been asked not to mention this engagement to any of her college friends, but when she reached this particular girl's house on this particular afternoon, she found, to her surprise and pleasure, that nearly all of her best friends were there.

It was then and there that she received her first lesson on the subject of Greek letter fraternities. The scheme unfolded to the freshman by the upper-class girls was as follows: They had decided to form a chapter of some Greek letter society at Brown; they had looked the field of Greek letter societies over, and had decided that Kappa Alpha Theta was, beyond a doubt, the most desirable fraternity to choose; the first thing to do was to organize themselves into a local society; and they dared to hope that they might sometime be admitted into Kappa Alpha Theta.

The freshmen were happy to help organize the local society, and the band of eighteen girls became known to the world at large as "Tri Kappa." Perhaps this is a good time to tell a little secret which there is no reason for keeping any longer, but which we have never told to any one: that "K. K. K." meant nothing whatever but "karacter, kulture, knowledge;" or as we sometimes interpreted it, "Tri Kappa (Alpha Theta)."

The next stage in our progress is marked by a note, still treasured as a precious memento by the same freshman, which reads:

"If you have *fully* made up your mind to join us, we should like to have you meet with us to-morrow afternoon.



One of our girls will meet you at the Hoppin Homestead Building at 5.30. Bring a cup, saucer and spoon for chocolate, and your luncheon.

Yours very truly,

IDA EVELYN WAITE."

From the Hoppin Homestead Building we were conducted to the place which was our meeting place for the rest of that year—the only chapter house of which Alpha Epsilon has ever boasted. It was a large, pleasant room in a private school building, about a mile from the college; and whatever else may be said about it, it certainly had the merit of being *secret*, for we are sure that no one about college ever had the remotest idea where the Tri Kappas met. For a year and a half the little society flourished on an equal footing with an older local society, which was the only organization of the kind at Brown at that time. In the meantime many letters were written to and from the highest authorities of Kappa Alpha Theta, and there was always something from this correspondence to be read at each meeting, which kept us in a state of alternate hope and fear. After we had waited about a year, we were made very happy by a visit from our District President, May Brown, and we loved her right away and we wanted to be Kappa Alpha Thetas more than ever then. At last we heard that we had really been admitted, and, on the twentieth of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, we were initiated into the fraternity of Kappa Alpha Theta, at Ida Waite's home.

Since our initiation, in our short life, we have known both the trials and the joys of fraternity life. With the formation of another local society at Brown, inter-society relations have grown complicated, and it has been found impossible to maintain any agreement between the three organizations; and we have felt the force of the ever-present problem of the relation of the fraternity to the non-fraternity girl. But, on the other hand, we have found that there is nothing in the world quite like a fraternity bond, after all,

whether it is between the girls in your own chapter, or between you and your Theta sisters in other colleges.

If it is true that a fraternity chapter, like an individual, must "first live, then write," then a chapter only two years old, which has sent forth but ten graduates into the world, cannot be expected to have a great deal to say when asked about its history and its prominent alumnae. Alpha Epsilon hopes to have a history some day which will be worth writing, and some noble alumnae who will reflect great honor upon the fraternity. Speaking of alumnae, whoever of our number may become most famous, those of us who remember the early struggles of our chapter shall always think of Martha Briggs and Ida Waite as two of our dearest elder sisters, to whose patience and enthusiasm we largely owe the privilege of calling ourselves Thetas.

We have much to look forward to in the future. Sometimes we dream of a chapter house, for that is what we must sometime have, since, owing to conditions under which our college is controlled, we are not allowed to have a fraternity room in the college building. We feel that we are developing more and more a pleasing "type" in our chapter, and we hope that, in the years to come, this type may be developed to reach the true Theta ideal.

#### ALPHA ZETA - BARNARD COLLEGE.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 2; number of active members, 14; seniors, 4; juniors, 2; sophomores, 2; freshmen, 4; graduate, 2; graduates from other chapters, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Harriette Louise Pratt . . . . . New Milford, Pa.  
 Edith Durant . . . . . 305 West 86th St., New York, N. Y.  
 Frances Eleanor Belcher . . . 126 South 8th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 Anne P. McKenney . . . . . 19 North Union St., Petersburg, Va.  
 Mary Dederick Hall . . "The Chester," Park Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Number of faculty in university, 84; number of students, 2,171 in Columbia, 279 in Barnard. Women's fraternities and number in



chapters : Kappa Alpha Theta, 14 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17 ; Alpha Omicron Pi (local), 6. Men's fraternities : Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Pi Delta Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

In the few hours between two and six o'clock, on March nineteenth, 1898, our original nine girls, having banded themselves together with the resolve to penetrate the mystic realm of "fraternitism," went through the metamorphosis necessary to transform a non-fraternity girl into a representative Theta. After satisfactory proof that the change was complete, individually, our new-found sisters sent us forth to announce our identity to the inquiring world, as an aggregate whole, the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Contented in our new sphere yet aspiring to higher things, we took up our quarters as near the Seventh Heaven as the architecture of the Barnard buildings would allow. Our room was cosy—in dimensions—airy and possessed a fine view of the dear old Hudson River. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of being on the fourth floor we became sincerely attached to our little room. It was there that we spent the early days of our new sisterhood and welcomed our visitors. The Theta alumnae and Theta undergraduates who walked into our little parlor received a cordial welcome, chocolate and—the grip, the latter at first a little awkwardly, because they had their gloves on, I presume. At times chairs were at a premium, but we resorted to artistically—bagdad—draped—dry-goods'—boxes and found they made a firm and solid foundation for Theta principles.

As the Spring advanced we bethought ourselves of adding a tall, blonde Freshman to our ranks, Annie Seward. We were disappointed—terrible confession to make in so public an organ—not in the girl, but, alas! in her family. They insisted upon making a sojourn in Paris and also upon taking our new sister with them. Although absent from the active

work of Alpha Zeta she has repeatedly sent us her good wishes and the happy news that she is to return to her collegiate duties next autumn.

Early this last autumn Alpha Zeta formally announced its existence by means of a reception given to the trustees, instructors and college. Sufficient to say that the Heavens wept for joy in honor of the occasion! Yes, they poured down their blessings upon us. Candidly, we would have been just as well pleased if they had not been so interested in our doings. The reception was pronounced a success by those who came, but the foaming and rushing rivers that usually surround Barnard on such days kept many a guest away.

In the meantime Alpha Zeta had moved. Most New Yorkers confine that pleasure to May first, but hearing of desirable quarters on the second floor, rear, we flung aside custom and descended. Our present home is permanent, forever, for all Thetas that have been, that are, and that are to be. Consequently we have taken pride, prudence and pleasure in arranging the furnishings of the room. Our want-list of desirable articles has still some inches to its length, but then, we despair not, enjoying what we have to the fullest extent.

After the reception, the week before which we informally entertained our friendly rivals of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we fell into the routine work of college, and pursued a happy and peaceful life. Before the holidays we made it known to a certain dark-haired girl, that she could profitably spend some of her time with us, the day she returned from her vacation. One of the pleasantest duties Alpha Zeta has ever had to perform was the initiation of Harriette T. Pratt, 1901.

All the autumn we had been looking at the Freshmen through cold, critical, steel-rimmed glasses, having but little opportunity for anything but a slight acquaintance with them. Asking day was approaching, concerning which we were one of the three fraternities to sign a Pan-Hellenic compact. To be brief, we invited four Freshmen, and four Freshmen ac-





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cepted. We had a certain function for their benefit, just one year later, lacking four days, than the day of our own initiation. Now that Mary D. Hall, Frances Belcher, Edith Durant and Annie P. McKenney are doing credit to our pin and membership we feel that we have taken in no strangers, only enlarged the circumference of the same dear old circle.

From time to time we have had visitors from Brown, Syracuse, and Cornell, all of whom we have been very glad to see. We trust none of our sisters will ever pass through New York without spending at least a few minutes in our chapter room. We desire to become better and better acquainted with them and shall always extend to them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation of all the good fellowship involved in true Thetaism.

### Beta District.

#### ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 12 ; number of active members, 29 ; seniors, 6 ; juniors, 9 ; sophomores, 6 ; freshmen, 8.

##### *Names of this year's initiates :*

Mary Thayer,  
Margaretta Nutt,  
Alma John,  
Edith Holmes,  
Ola Kier,

Emma Browder,  
Edith Ravenscroft,  
Marguerite Smith,  
Josephine Wilkinson,  
Ethel McWhirter.

Number of faculty in the university, 35 ; number of students, 700. Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega (music), Phi Mu Epsilon (music). Men's fraternities : Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon.



## CHAPTER HISTORY.

The first years in the history of Alpha chapter, after its founding in 1870, in spite of many obstacles, were marked by rapid growth as a fraternity. The organization of the first Greek letter fraternity among women met with much the same attitude which the admission of women to college had experienced. But all praise to the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta. The experiment was a success.

One of the minor difficulties which we of later days have less to contend with, was that of going to and returning from the meetings. At that time the sidewalks of Greencastle were not in their present improved, but still not ideal condition, and as the electric light system was not yet in existence, wayfarers were often compelled on dark nights to carry lanterns. As the meetings were held at the homes of the members, these conditions made it sometimes difficult to reach the appointed place.

On March 25, 1875, a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established at Depauw. In this early period great interest was manifested in the literary societies of the college and a friendly rivalry sprang up between the various fraternities as to their position in them. It is needless to say that in the Philomathean, the girls society, Theta took a most active part.

In social life, also, the Thetas have been known as excellent entertainers. The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen was often opened hospitably to Thetas and their friends. Their four daughters were all Thetas. Alice O. Allen, later Mrs. T. J. Brant, was one of the charter members. Another, Luemma Allen, is now Mrs. P. S. Baker, the much esteemed wife of one of our professors. Among other homes which might be mentioned for its hospitality, was that of Miss Flora Furman, Mrs. Laughlin, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Of the girls of this time, we can only mention a few who have been most prominent in public work.

Mary E. Simmons, Mrs. H. C. Crawford, of the class of

'71, is engaged in editorial work at her home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Miss Anna Downey, after several years of successful teaching in Iowa Wesleyan and Depauw Universities, in 1886 entered evangelistic work, in which, in connection with the W. C. T. U., she is now engaged. She was an intimate friend of the late Frances E. Willard.

Mrs. Burton, Alma Holman, was professor of French and German in Depauw University. In later years she has been distinguished in literary work, and is the author of several books. One of these, the "Story of Our Country," for children, is especially worthy of notice. She is a trustee of Nebraska Wesleyan University and resides at Orleans, Neb.

The two Grand Conventions held at Greencastle in 1876 and 1883, have been great events in the history of Alpha chapter. The most prominent social event in connection with the convention of '83, was a banquet held at the Lockridge residence in the vicinity of Greencastle. One of the delegates present at that time, Jessie E. Wright, of Lambda, University of Vermont, now Mrs. Whitcomb, of Topeka, Kan., has since utilized some of the incidents of her journey "out west" in her charming story, "Freshman and Senior."

We must not fail to record that in '81 Theta showed her loyalty by presenting to the college cadets a silken banner, on one side of which were the words "Indiana Asbury Cadet Corps," on the other the mystic letters, K. A. ©.

We cannot attempt to record all the events of later years. After all, the happenings of each succeeding year are very similar in character, from the autumn spike to the annual reception of commencement week. Each year we strive to live up to the true standard of Theta character and it is the inner life of the chapter which marks its true development.

In closing, perhaps an incident from the history of '96 will be appreciated by Thetas in like predicaments. The June party was planned to be a lawn fête and extensive preparations had been made, but, alas,

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men,  
Gang aft a-gley."



The weather suddenly turned cold. In the more expressive language of the poet of the year,

“ In the hammocks and on benches,  
In the gaily lighted garden,  
Sat the maids and youths together:  
Sat, and tried hard not to tremble,  
And the young men's hearts were thumping  
With the words they strove to utter,  
But their sentiments so burning  
On their lips were frozen vapor.”

#### BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 35 ; number of active members, 25 ; seniors, 9 ; juniors, 7 ; sophomores, 4 ; freshmen 4 ; graduate, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates.*

Myrtle Stempel . . . . .	Bloomington, Ind.
Selma Stempel . . . . .	Fort Madison, Iowa
Mary Johnston . . . . .	Bloomington, Ind.
Caroline Forkner . . . . .	New Castle, Ind.
Ethel Crosier . . . . .	New Albany, Ind.
Nell Mawhood . . . . .	Richmond, Ind.
Emma Clinton . . . . .	Indianapolis, Ind.
Clara Fendrich . . . . .	Vincennes, Ind.
Martha Davidson . . . . .	Evansville, Ind.

Number of faculty in university, 60 ; number of students, 1050.  
Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25 ; Pi Beta Phi, 21 ; Delta Gamma, 12 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 25.  
Men's fraternities : Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Nu.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

Beta Chapter was established in 1870 with three charter members: Lizzie (Hunter) Van Nuys, Minnie (Hanneman) James and Lizzie (Harbison) Dunn. In 1889 it happened that these three visited Bloomington together, and if we could have been present at the reunion and have



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heard their reminiscences, we might know more about the time when Beta chapter was composed of but four or five girls, who labored under every difficulty, doubtless, except that of having to consider "what was done last year." However, such a thing was impossible, and as the earliest records are lost, there is a period in which the annals of the chapter are "obscured in darkness." But it is not hard to imagine that the ups and downs of "frat" life were much the same then as are those of the present.

The chapter house experiment was not tried until 1893. Experiment though it was, it proved a successful one the first year. The first chapter house was a little house of seven rooms, on a side street, in which six of the girls lived and enjoyed the novel delight of having a Theta home. "The Cottage," it was called by courtesy, but the name never clung to it, as did the one suggested by a little four-year-old Theta admirer, whose suggestive nick-name, "The Chatter House," might well go down through all generations as aptly descriptive of chapter houses in general. Since 1893 there has been but one year that we have not had a chapter house. It is a fact worth noting, too, that we have had a different house every year. The significance of this may seem of doubtful character, but considered in the light of the fact that Theta looks always for the best, it is perhaps but a proof of progress.

Beta chapter is glad to say that she has contributed her share to the work of the fraternity in general. Not the least of the duties was the compilation and publication of the Song-book. This was allotted to Beta at the Hanover convention in 1887. The work was not complete until 1890, and the intervening years were probably not all placid ones to the girls whose duty it was to stir up the musical inspiration of their sisters.

Theta was the first woman's fraternity to be established at Indiana University. There are now chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Gamma. Beta chapter has tried to retain the "elder sisterly" feeling, as

well as position in point of age, toward the other fraternities in the college. The girls encourage broad-mindedness, and find as much pleasure in genial relations with girls of other fraternities as with those of their own. Perhaps there has never been a more amusing social affair in the history of fraternities than the open meeting on April 1st, 1892, when Kappas and Thetas exchanged houses. The ridiculous mistakes made by Kappa supporters and Theta friends still furnish numberless anecdotes.

Now-a-days, one of the events to which we all look forward is the Panthygatric, the one affair of the year when the girls of all the fraternities get together. In these, and in relations with non-fraternity girls, the girls of Beta chapter hope to display the graciousness and genialty upon which our Theta standard insists.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 2; number of active members, 13; seniors, 2; juniors, 2; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 5; graduate, 1; special, 1; graduates from other chapters, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates.*

Josephine Schillinger . . . . .	Moline, Ill.
Mabel Storms . . . . .	Fairport, N. Y.
Evangeline Thompson . . . . .	Bement, Ill.
Jennie Mather . . . . .	East Wheatland, Ill.
Alice Zilly . . . . .	Champaign, Ill.
Edith Wright . . . . .	Champaign, Ill.

Number of faculty in university, 136; number of students, 1600. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Pi Beta Phi, 11; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Gamma, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Sigma Epsilon.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

New Delta has few traditions she may call her own, but she was especially fortunate in receiving, at her very start, certain hereditary standards and dignities, for, as most Theta



girls will remember, the charter of old Delta was transferred, in November of 1895, from the Illinois Wesleyan to the University of Illinois. New Delta was also fortunate in her manner of beginning. Twenty-three girls from different chapters came to help initiate the new girls, and I am sure the lives of the original "thirteen"—eleven charter members and two "spikes"—will never cease to feel the influence of the sweetness and solemnity of that first initiation. Other and beautiful initiations there have been, but none which will ever seem, to their minds, so full of the true meaning of fraternity life.

Starting under such auspicious conditions it is no wonder that a girl, outside the sisterhoods, thought that, perhaps, by joining the other girls' fraternity, she might finally attain the sacred circle of Kappa Alpha Theta!

Delta Chapter is now finishing her fourth year, and I am sure every girl, who has been a Theta during these years, looks upon them as happier and richer in every way because of the delightful intimacy of her Theta friendships, and because of the ennobling influence of Theta ideals.

#### EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 16; number of active members, 16; seniors, 2; juniors, 1; sophomores, 7; freshmen, 3.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiales:*

Mary B. Anderson . . . . .	Rochester, Pa.
Ruth E. Bogardus . . . . .	Mt. Vernon, O.
Ruth Elliot . . . . .	Paint Valley, O.
May Corbett . . . . .	Chefoo, China.
Grace Anderson . . . . .	Rochester, Pa.
Mary Hauptert . . . . .	Wooster, O.
Grace Corbett . . . . .	Chefoo, China.

Number of faculty in the university, 25; number of students, 800. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta. Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

Epsilon was founded at the University of Wooster, in June, 1875, with four charter members; Mary Parsons, (Mrs. F. Mullins), Ada Mullins, (Mrs. McSweeney), Kate McSweeney, and Susan Given, (Mrs. Patterson). The history of the chapter has been characterized by steady growth in numbers and loyalty to the fraternity. Epsilon has taken her share of the general fraternity work, in 1881 the regular convention of the fraternity was entertained by the chapter and five years later the called convention of 1886 also met with them. At the convention of 1895 in Syracuse, Harriet Lucretia Funck, Epsilon '91, was elected Grand President and held that office for one term, presiding at the convention at Madison, Wis., in 1897.

Fortunately for Epsilon there is a large resident membership who are a constant source of pleasure and help to the chapter. Epsilon has her share of class and college honors and always takes a prominent part in the life and activities of the college, social and otherwise.

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

## CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 2; number of active members, 15; seniors, 3; juniors, 4; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 3.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Charlotte M. Leavitt . . . . .	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Sybil Stewart . . . . .	Warden, Idaho.
Vera Zoe Schurtz . . . . .	Thompson St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Laura Eames . . . . .	{ Hall St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
	{ St. Louis, Mo.
Irene S. Baker . . . . .	Chicago, Ill.
Olive Blanchard . . . . .	Marquette, Mich.

Number of faculty in university, 222; number of students, 3,100. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 15; Delta Delta Delta, 14; Collegiate Sorosis, 25; Delta Gamma, 21; Gamma Phi Beta, 18; Alpha Phi, 20; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Pi Beta Phi, 17. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta





ETA CHAPTER HOUSE,—ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma. Legal : Phi Delta Phi, Delta Chi. Medical : Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Rho Sigma.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

Eta of Kappa Alpha Theta was first established at Ann Arbor on December tenth, 1879. It was thought best, however, by the Grand Council, to withdraw the charter, then given to the chapter in 1886.

The present Eta Chapter was established on July twenty-ninth, 1893, when the charter was granted and the pledge given to the twelve girls who had made application for the chapter, by the representatives of the fraternity then assembled in convention at Chicago, Ills.

Only six girls instead of the nine that had been expected returned to Ann Arbor in the fall to begin the chapter life together. The small number was not perhaps altogether an evil, a larger number might not have been drawn so closely together and might not have felt the need of such earnest and energetic work. It was a great pleasure to find at once a resident member in Mrs. Adams, the wife of Prof. Henry C. Adams, who is the head of the political economy department here. She was a member of the first Eta Chapter.

The other sororities, of which there were six, greeted us very graciously. Their number has now increased to eight.

In the work of the fraternity Eta has had her part, at the present time two members of the Grand Council are Eta girls, Alice E. Wadsworth is Grand Secretary and Myra M. Post is the President of Beta district and presided at the district convention in October, '98, at Evanston.

To look back over the life and work of the chapter, and to see what has been done or even what has been left undone, is only a pleasure. We have worked together and sung together; we have enjoyed many a happy luncheon together in our cozy little library; we have laughed together and wept together: indeed we have tasted the sweetness of sisterhood in all its tenderest significance. But everything



has not been sunshine and roses, for we have known some of the mistakes and failures of fraternity life, but these same mistakes and failures have but bound us closer to one another.

As these six years of life as a chapter draw to a close, the sentiment and heartfelt desire of Eta cannot be more truly expressed than in the words of Longfellow :

"Let us then be what we are, and speak what we think, and in all things keep ourselves loyal to truth and the sacred professions of friendship."

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 14 ; number of active members, 19 ; seniors, 7 ; juniors, 4 ; sophomores, 6 ; freshmen, 2 ; graduates from other chapters, 3.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates :*

Pearl Constable . . . . .	Kansas City, Mo.
Mary Nelson . . . . .	Kansas City, Mo.
Nina Drake . . . . .	Kansas City, Mo.
Rachel Pugh . . . . .	Independence, Kansas.

Number of faculty in university, 62 ; number of students, 1,080. Women's fraternities and number in chapters : Kappa Alpha Theta, 19 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15 ; Pi Beta Phi, 22. Men's fraternities : Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Nu Epsilon, Delta Phi Delta.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

In November of 1880 the idea of establishing a chapter of some girl's fraternity occurred to a few girls at Kansas State University. At that time there was in existence here an organization of the I. C. sorority but no girls' Greek letter fraternity was represented, so this step was something of a departure from old traditions. These girls, after some deliberating applied to Alpha of Kappa Alpha Theta for a charter, and in March it was granted. April fifteenth, 1881, twelve girls were initiated by a member of Eta chapter, and

Kappa chapter took her place as a potent factor in the student world at Kansas State University.

The young chapter encountered no opposition worth mentioning, but was, on the contrary, very kindly received. In 1884, a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established and a few years later the I. C. sorority was changed and became a Greek letter fraternity. These three fraternities have existed side by side from that day to this. In 1884 a chapter hall was rented and there all the meetings and social events of the chapter were held, but in 1891 this was given up. The events of this period of our history have come down to us who are now active, as traditions of the past, but they are none the less dear to us on that account. From 1891 till 1898 our meetings were held at the homes of our town members. Last fall Kappa chapter again found herself in a home of her own, and her meetings are no longer migratory. In 1891 Phi Beta Kappa was established at the University and we now number six Phi Beta Kappas among our alumnæ. Lucy Riggs and Rose Watson of this year's seniors have carried off the much prized key.

The fifteenth of this month, the seniors of Kappa chapter will give to the other active members, a birthday party at the home of Elizabeth Stone, in honor of Kappa's eighteenth birthday. Each one of the eighteen candles on the birthday cake will represent a milestone in our chapter's history. How much they mean to us! How little did our charter members realize what would be the outcome when Kappa chapter was founded. We younger members are reaping the harvest of their trouble and anxiety and we feel that we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their helpfulness, the fraternal spirit, and the sympathy, not only in our successes but also in our times of sorrow and discouragement, which come to us not only as members of Kappa chapter, but much more so as members of that greater and completer whole—our fraternity.



## NU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

## CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 7; number of active members, 11; juniors, 1; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 6.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Jessie Miller . . . . .	Greenwood, Ind.
Dell Gossard . . . . .	Hanover, Ind.
Faith Holmes . . . . .	Paoli, Ind.
Mabel Almond . . . . .	Delphi, Ind.
Grace Lindley . . . . .	Paoli, Ind.
May Firth . . . . .	Brookburg, Ind.
Lucy Hughes . . . . .	Madison, Ind.

Number of faculty in university, 7; number of students, 160.  
 Women's fraternities and number in chapters: Kappa Alpha Theta, 11.  
 Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

I have certainly experienced a strange sensation. I have been asked to write something about the foundation of my beloved chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, on the plea that it is a matter of "ancient history." And yet the three small beds across the room, with heads black, golden and downy, just showing in the dim light, as well as a few tell-tale grey hairs, tell me that time has not stood still, and that '81 is a long way from '99, considered from the point of view of a college girl.

In August, 1881, I found that I could enter Hanover College, which only the year before had opened its doors to women. I knew that no fraternity had as yet been organized, so I sought for information as to which Greek letter society was the best. A Delta Kappa Epsilon from Greencastle—Asbury University—told me to write to a Kappa Alpha Theta sister, Miss Ridpath, for information. I shall never forget the happy dreams I indulged over that first letter, but alas the answer never came.

August passed and September found us busy with the new

college duties. It was an unique position for all of us. The young men were critical and the professors were more than doubtful of the future success of co-education. Some of the girls realized this at the time, but the rest of us heard unpleasant remarks and unfair criticism in bitterness of spirit.

In a few weeks a little circle had been formed, which was determined to procure a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta. We continued to besiege Alpha, then Beta, and in spite of every discouragement we remained faithful to our first love.

In October, when we were waiting with a poor semblance of patience to hear whether the Grand Chapter had accepted our petition, we were surprised one morning to see some of the college girls wearing the colors and pin of Delta Gamma. At last the news came that our weary waiting was to be rewarded. One snowy winter afternoon, Miss Belle Maxwell from Bloomington came to initiate us. She found a little band of five already united by strong ties of congeniality. It was a solemn fulfilling of months of hoping to us, and I am sure that initiation is fresh in the minds of all who took part in it.

Miss Lida Hunt, of Madison, was a Sophomore, the others, Misses Cochran, Friedley, Edwards and Piatt were Freshmen.

Our fraternity meetings were ideal. We threw aside all cares and worries when we crossed the threshold of our hall, and every meeting was like a ray of sunshine,—so helpful and bright. The last meeting of the year remains with me yet. It is seldom the ideal is realized,—but all that we had hoped and planned for our fraternity had been realized, and the parting could not be anything but sad. The charter members have never been together since. The fall of '82 found Miss Hunt the only Theta in college. In a short time she had drawn to her two other friends. Miss Belle Melcher and Miss Annie Adams, forming a trio remarkable for its influence in the college. Miss Melcher was one of the brightest, gayest of girls. She had a lovely well trained voice, and was the leader in all social diversions of that year.



Miss Adams was brilliant and witty, while Miss Hunt was the truest friend that I ever knew. Miss Adams is now Mrs. Baird, of Korea. She is wielding a wide influence in that interesting country by her teaching and her books written in the vernacular.

The next addition to our circle was Miss Fitzgerald whom many of the sisters will remember as our representative at several conventions. She is assistant state librarian, of Indiana, now, but still devoted to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Looking backward to these days is only a pleasure now, all the unpleasantness of being pioneers is forgotten but among those who helped us to be a success, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity stands out in relief. They gave us their hall for our meeting place. They cordially and enthusiastically seconded our every move, and no history of the beginnings of Nu would be complete without a tribute to them.

#### PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 6; number of active members, 16; seniors, 2; juniors, 5; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 8.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Florence Hagle . . . . .	702 E. Porter St., Albion.
Georgia Merritt . . . . .	520 Burr Oak, Albion.
Mary Cooper . . . . .	Midland, Mich.
Helen Temple . . . . .	Tecumseh, Mich.
Edna B. Thompson . . . . .	Elkhart, Ind.
Ada Gratia Rogers . . . . .	110 Oswego St., Albion.

Number of faculty in college, 27; number of students, 400. Women's fraternities and number in chapters: Delta Gamma, 14; Alpha Chi Omega (music), 12; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

"On the 17th of March, 1887, Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was organized at Albion with seven charter members." This is the plain unvarnished fact which we read in the *annals*, but, if we turn to one of those same charter members



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for information on the subject, as it has been my privilege to do, we will find our history a romance and our meagre sentence enlarged into a volume when read from the pages of her memory. For a year previous to the obtaining of their charter, these seven girls were banded together under the name of Sigma Theta and when they decided to apply for admission to a Greek letter fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta was the one unanimously chosen. But it was not an easy matter, and the seven met with many obstacles, but these seven determined girls had made up their seven determined minds to be Thetas or nothing, in spite of opposition and offers of charters from the other fraternities, and at last their patience was rewarded and their hopes realized when one day to the surprise of all beholders seven kites appeared at chapel.

The next thing was a hall and they felt that their highest ambitions were realized when, in the course of time, they found themselves pleasantly located in their rooms on the fourth floor of one of the college buildings. Never did young housekeepers labor more zealously than they to furnish their little home and make it cosy ; and they succeeded admirably, too, for where there's a will there's a way, you know.

If those four walls could speak, they would have many a wonderful tale to tell of strange and startling initiations and midnight spreads. What matter if they did have to climb fifty-four steps every time they ascended to their sky parlor, their hearts were in it, and it was mere play to carry water or dainties for midnight spreads.

The Thetas of Pi chapter have always been a studious band of girls, but "a little nonsense now and then" was relished as much by them as by "the best of men." They tell us of delightful faggot parties, when, sitting in a group around their cheerful grate fire, each one told her story as her faggot burned ; then in contrast to that peaceful occasion, was the exciting capture of two young men who had prowled up to their sanctuary to steal the ice cream, and who

were finally "treed" upon the roof where they had escaped through the skylight. After many fluttering bits of paper had been sent down to those waiting on the inside of the roof, stating terms of surrender, a treaty of peace was concluded and good feeling restored, but to this day the patch on the ceiling to a certain recitation room bears silent witness to the fact that one of the culprits boasted of considerable avoirdupoise, and that the law of gravitation held good. Many were the banquets on chapter anniversary, with their impromptu toasts; nor did they neglect their social duties to their friends in college, and on more than one occasion Pi played hostess to her many friends. But all this was in "ye olden tyme," still, for the sake of "auld lang syne," "we take a cup of kindness yet" in memory of the dear old home of our chapter's youth. With the passing years come changes, and with a sigh for the old sky-parlor, we faced the fact that Delta Gamma was laying the corner-stone for her new lodge, and Alpha Chi had already dedicated her new home. We came to the conclusion that Theta must have a lodge, and so with our hearts in the work, we went bravely at it and just a year from that day, on March 4th, 1898, we sent out our invitations: "II Chapter of K.A.Θ. at Home, at K.A.Θ. Lodge." That year was one of varied experiences; for economy's sake we gave up our sky-parlor and "boarded around" as it were, and to this day I can shut my eyes and hear the inevitable response to the president's question, "Is there any unfinished business?" as the chapter cried with one voice, "lodge." I think those girls deserve almost as much credit as "the seven," and as one of them, I can say that the lodge meant work and self-denial on our parts, but perhaps that makes it all the more dear to us. And now that we have this "Kat's Cradle," we are striving to add something to its beauty and comfort. This year we have finished off our basement kitchen, and next week we are to paper the walls; so we feel that if each year witnesses as many improvements, the wonder will be that "one small lodge can contain it all." And so we look



back upon Pi's history, a record like all else in life, of success and failure, of rough and pleasant weather, but through it all runs the golden thread of sympathy, making the prosperous times more joyous and the trials more easily borne.

## RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

## CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 12; number of active members, 15; seniors, 6; juniors, 3; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 2; graduate, 1; special, 2; graduates from other chapters, 3.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Ella Blaine Wirt . . . . . No. 716 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, Ia.  
 Ellen Douglas . . . . . No. 603 S. 11th St., St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Jessie Mary Macfarland . . . . . No. 315 N. 14th St., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Anna Edgren . . . . . No. 1446 Q St., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Eugenia Getner . . . . . No. 842 South 12th St., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Rosanna Carson . . . . . "The Lincoln", Lincoln, Neb.

Number of faculty in university, 187; number of students, 2,100. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Delta Gamma, 19; Pi Beta Phi, 16; Delta Delta Delta, 12; Kappa Alpha Theta, 15. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Theta Chi (local), Phi Delta Phi (law).

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

## I.

Rho is glad of this opportunity to rectify the impression among Thetas that she is a new chapter. Away back in January, 1887, five little barbarian chums were somewhat startled when one day they learned from Frank Wheeler, a Sigma Chi friend, that there were other fraternities in the college world besides Kappa Kappa Gamma. He was most enthusiastic in his praise of Kappa Alpha Theta. It was at this time that two of our girls were asked to join Kappa Kappa Gamma. As this threatened to break up our little crowd, the idea of forming a new fraternity was pleasing to

us. With the help of this wise Sigma Chi and two other learned brothers, the application was duly drawn up and mailed. Sigma Chi was our staunch friend, and some of the Phi Delta Thetas (all those who were not engaged to Kappas) did all in their power to help us get that charter.

Well do we remember that anxious time when we were being *investigated*—the alternate periods of hope and despair. And great was the rejoicing when Kate Wilder Cross came up from Lawrence, Kansas, to initiate us on April 7, 1887. The Sigma Chis offered their hall for the initiation so that we had the proper environment to add impressiveness to the occasion.

For a time we were so pleased and proud that we never gave a thought to initiating anyone; but it soon dawned upon our self-satisfied minds that evidently it was the proper thing to initiate. Then came the difficult task of deciding upon some one who would suit us all. But at last one girl was found who seemed to us worthy of the honor. During the next four years five other girls appeared in our midst who satisfied our very exacting requirements. But at no time did our active chapter role exceed nine. This exclusiveness proved our undoing. For in the spring of 1891 we awoke to the fact that the new year would not find one Theta in the halls of our Alma Mater. Two girls were going abroad, two had married, several had graduated, and two were removing to other cities. Consternation reigned for a time; then came a vain endeavor to decide upon some one with whom to entrust our dear charter. At last, after long, careful thought, we decided it was best for us as a chapter, and for Theta as a fraternity, to return the charter rather than to see the standard lowered in any way. This we did with the understanding that it should be "kept until called for."

During the next few years numerous petitions were received, asking the help of the alumnæ in bringing back the charter. But it was not until the fall of 1895 that the time seemed ripe for such a venture. The university attendance had by that time increased from about 250 to 1,500, and the



number of sororities from one to four. Two of the charter members had this year returned to make their homes in this city, and Mrs. Helene Dresser Fling, of Upsilon, was also with us, making ten Thetas in town, all anxious to see a strong chapter once more established in the university. Six girls were selected who seemed in every way to come up to our standard of what Thetas should be. And then began the work of getting back our charter—a work which proved unexpectedly long and vexatious. But everything was settled at last, and on February 10, 1896, we had the pleasure of once more welcoming Rho chapter into the university. The alumnae are much interested in the present chapter, and feel that the standard of scholarship and exclusiveness, for which Kappa Alpha Theta has always stood in the university, is being maintained.

## II.

In the fall of 1895 there was quite an excitement among the fraternity people at the University of Nebraska, for it had been rumored abroad that a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was about to be re-established in the University. At least this is what appeared in our college paper: "Quite a little excitement was created Monday by the report that Kappa Alpha Theta had organized, but there seems to be no foundation for the report as nothing definite has been decided upon. Kappa Alpha Theta is an excellent fraternity, ranking second to none in the east, and we will be glad to see a chapter organized here. It is to be hoped the alumnae will decide in favor of bringing back the charter."

Well, the alumnae did decide in favor of re-establishing the chapter, but "large bodies move slowly" they say, and although six girls were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta early in November the charter did not come till February, and on the eleventh of that month, 1896, Emily Weeks, Leola Vancil, Jessica Morgan, Jean Tuttle, Lida Millar and Nelle Randall were initiated into the mystic circle of Kappa Alpha Theta. Since that day we have endeavored "with all that in us lies" to be faithful to this sacred trust. In

our lives and in our selection of Theta girls we have striven for the attainment of the ideals of our fraternity, intellectually, morally and socially. To be faithful to Theta's ideals has been the aim and fundamental principle of Rho's life, and we most firmly believe that here lies the merit of success in fraternity life. For this alone can secure union, deep and abiding, concord, love, sympathy in the chapter, and lead to the attainment of the highest and noblest things in life, character and the truest womanhood. May we ever be faithful to our sacred trust.

It was during our first year that Phi Beta Kappa was established in Nebraska and Mrs. Hardy (*née* Gertrude Laws), Katherine Weston, Elinor Williams and Anne Wilder, members of our alumnae, were elected to membership. Rho had no seniors as yet.

At the end of the year we had our first initiation, when Charlotte Clark became a Theta. Then seven happy Thetas went to watch the competitive drill in a Kensington which has ever since been claimed as Theta's special possession. So ended our first year of fraternity life.

The beginning of the next year, we had our first real taste of rushing and as a result Jane Macfarland, Edith Schwartz, Grace MacMillan and Elinor Williams, who had been pledged before, became Thetas. Our first two years we did nothing socially, except in a very moderate way. Of course we entertained ourselves, and, to tell the truth we enjoy that yet more than anything else. Our first annual banquet we shall never forget. Perhaps it is because it was the "first" that it has taken such a deep and abiding place in our hearts. There were about twenty Thetas, all in all, in those days, but now about thirty gather around our spreads and banquets. This was the year in which we watched the soldier boys from a booth, for a tally-ho had become worn out, figuratively speaking. It was gayly adorned with American flags, scarlet and cream, the old black and gold and the colors of the different military companies. Cushions, chairs, rugs and refreshing punch made the "Theta booth"



quite popular with the many soldier boys. We will let the world say how much the "Theta girl" had to do with the popularity. This was the year too in which we were making preparation for the national convention, a new thing to Rho who was still young in fraternity love. Nelle Randall and Emily Weeks were appointed as Rho's delegate to that most worthy, and to Rho most austere assembly.

The third year brought us our hardest and longest rushing but at last Ella Harper, Francis Cuningham, Mary Town, Ruth Wilson and Selma Wiggenhorn put on the black and gold and the Theta emblem. The Convention united Rho more than ever and strengthened that bond of union between herself and the other chapters, which she as a new chapter had scarcely realized before. Since then many of our girls have met Thetas from other chapters, both at home and abroad, and we feel that the bond is complete. This, too, was the year in which we had our first seniors, Jean Tuttle and Edith Schwartz, the latter being elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the first term elections. In the last term of this year, we initiated Winifred Hill and pledged Jessie Macfarland. It was now, too, that we had our first large dancing party at the home of Jane Macfarland. War came, as you know, and our soldier boys went off and we had no competitive drill.

In the fall of 1898 we had the most desperate rushing, for the season was made so short. Ella Wirt, Ellen Douglas and Jessie Macfarland were initiated, later Eugenia Getner and Anna Edgren, then Rosanna Carson and our number is complete. We miss from our ranks this year Mary Town who is at home in Omaha, Jean Tuttle who is teaching in Minden, Neb., Winifred Hill, Charlotte Clark, Frances Cunningham and Ella Hughes, but these girls are still in Lincoln and are in reality still with us, although not active.

This Commencement will take from us six girls, four of whom are charter members, Emily Weeks, Leola Vancil, Lida Millar, Ruth Randall, Grace MacMillan and Jane Macfarland, but many of them we expect to be back with us

next year. Lida Millar, we sent as our representative to the convention of Beta District and many of us have regretted ever since that we did not go, too. We will know better next time. Rho's great difficulty is to know how to attend to her studies and social duties at the same time. The days are too short the week is over before we know it, and we feel that we have neglected and missed much of the social side of life in the wild race to keep in the front ranks in our classes.

Here endeth Rho's history of the past, may her future be bright and may she ever bring honor to Kappa Alpha Theta.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 9; number of active members, 12; seniors, 1; juniors, 1; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 4; graduate, 2; special, 1; graduates from other chapters, 1.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Irene Mayhew Graves . . . . .	Wauston, Ill.
Leonora Gould . . . . .	Wauston, Ill.
Ruth Ray . . . . .	Wauston, Ill.
Esca Baty Rogers . . . . .	Argyle Park.

Number of faculty in university, 225; number of students, 3,000. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Delta Gamma, 11; Alpha Phi, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 10; Gamma Phi Beta, 13; Delta Delta Delta, 9; Alpha Chi Omega, 22; Pi Beta Phi, 15. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta, Pi, 28; Phi Kappa Psi, 12; Sigma Chi, 14; Phi Kappa Sigma, 4; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Delta Upsilon, 17; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 8; Sigma Nu, 14.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

In the spring of '87, the idea was first suggested of founding a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Northwestern. By the close of the term four girls were banded together, and it was hoped the chapter could be established in the fall.

By the last of September, during the early weeks of the fall term, three more girls were pledged, and, with the perfect number, seven, we began to be impatient to have the mysteries unfolded.



But large bodies are said to move slowly and we thought the Grand Chapter deliberated far too long.

We had thought about it and written about it and talked about it all summer, and since the beginning of the term the secret conferences had been of daily almost hourly occurrence. If the walls of Room 8 in the Woman's Hall, could speak, what tales they could tell of the excited talk of seven girls with a secret.

Everybody knew *something* was in the air, but knew not just what, though conjectures were many—the college was as anxious as we that the mystery should be solved.

Forth from that room, one rainy, disagreeable afternoon, two of our number, protected by mackintoshes and umbrellas, betook themselves to the telegraph office to beseech Alpha chapter to please hurry—we couldn't wait much longer.

This pitiful plea brought the speedy reply that two of Alpha's members would soon be there.

Then the scene changes, and the next picture which comes to my mind is the place of initiation, two rooms at the Avenue House.

In one room I have a very vivid recollection of seven wondering girls, waiting for what was to happen next. In the other our imaginations only could picture the preparations for the rites.

Sept. 29, 1887, was the date when we, after so long a time, became Thetas. Tau chapter was established and prosperity then and ever since has attended it.

Sevilla Cleveland and Ora Newcomer were the "visiting ladies" who made known the secrets to Mabelle Thatcher and May Earle of '88; Anna Adams of '89; Eva Hall, '90, and to Marguerite Mulvane, Clara Shellabarger and Mary Knox, '91.

As we went to recitations the next morning how prominent those pins we were wearing seemed, and how conscious we were of them. Kindest congratulations poured in upon us from all sides, and we were made to feel that we were welcome as friends in the Greek world.

The evening following our initiation the new chapter enjoyed a banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago.

In this rambling paper visions of our first fraternity Hall come to me. Two pleasant rooms in the second story of a business block down town. But alas! unfurnished except for a stove kindly given by the landlord.

Our first purchases included a rug and a table. It wasn't easy work tacking down that rug as we all could testify.

When we had enough chairs for all to sit down at once we felt as if the height of luxury was reached. One of the conditions of initiation after we had purchased seven chairs was that each initiate should give a chair before she was really considered initiated. Before the end of the year our number had increased to ten, our present was bright, and the future seemed most hopeful.

Our pocketbooks had stood the heavy strain of our first large party, which we felt must be made a fine affair.

The next year was a year of victory and happiness, as each succeeding year has been. We did not always win, but we won so many who were of sterling Theta material, that we could not dwell long on our defeats, but remembered our mercies.

One of the pleasantest duties devolving upon Tau chapter, was the founding of the chapter at Madison in the spring of 1890. Seven of us went and enjoyed the perfect hospitality of the nine charter members of Psi.

Only twice thus far has death come to us, but to those of us who knew Florence Tobey and Lucy Sheldon, the circle will never seem quite complete without them.

This is only a glimpse of the happy early days of Tau, those days of study and pleasure. Work to build up a strong chapter bound us very closely together. Friendships firm and strong were formed.

We are glad that the foundation laid in '87 has made possible the strong chapter of the succeeding years, even unto the present.

The year of '93 opened most favorably for Tau with twenty members in the chapter. The following year in-



cluded the five freshmen who were initiated and two girls from other chapters, we numbered eighteen. During the spring of '95 we were favored by a short visit from our Grand President, Mrs. Walter, then Miss Sargent. It is needless to say that we all fell desperately in love with her and Tau will ever be most grateful to her for the way in which she finally decided the difficulty that had started the previous year and never been entirely settled, concerning the four girls who resigned. This trouble though a severe trial at the time proved to be a good thing for the chapter in many ways. The rest of the girls stood by each other and by Tau nobly and the girls of the present chapter open their eyes wide with astonishment when it is suggested that there was ever anything to ruffle Tau's calm and peaceful waters.

In '96 not all of the girls came back and we took in only two freshmen so that the chapter was smaller than usual but we have decided that a small chapter is best in all respects. We have also decided that social meetings are best suited to Tau's needs. During the past year we have drawn more and more from the girls in the Evanston high school and less and less from outside sources. Thus we have many town homes in which to entertain and our girls, many of them, are together all the year round.

The history of the last few years continues the happy tale, a tale of unity, congeniality and helpfulness for twelve years. We can say truly that Kappa Alpha Theta has always held a high place at Northwestern. Its members have been distinguished in scholarship and college enterprise. In athletics, it has started basket ball and been prominent in tennis. In the literary line, Tau girls have always been on the Syllabus, the college annual's board and on the staff of *The Northwestern*, the college weekly. Tau has been active in Y. W. C. A. and settlement work. In the social line we have always held first place. The Junior Prom. and college parties always see a goodly number of Thetas, and an invitation to a Theta party is a thing coveted in college circles. Then, in the inter-fraternity Omega Psi, Theta has been well represented.

So much for a short sketch of Tau's outer life at Northwestern, but it is their inner life among themselves that is most precious, their mystic circle. We wish we could insert some of the Kat-Tales written for our meetings here.

We usually spend Saturdays together, either at a spread or going to the matinee and luncheon. Perhaps it is due to our large number of town girls that Theta has more spreads than other fraternities, and spreads not for rushing but just for ourselves because we love to come together.

So much has been said of the Beta convention that we will only mention it now as one of the memorable and pleasant memories in our career.

Most of our graduates join the Delta Alumnae of Chicago, which is a flourishing chapter. Tau's early members are always glad to go to a chapter meeting on a Monday evening in the hall, and we are always glad to see them.

To keep Tau up to the standard that it has thus far attained, and that Kappa Alpha Theta may always be proud of its headquarters, is our constant aim.

#### UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 20; number of active members, 13; seniors, 3; juniors, 1; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 4.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Mary Luella Stoughton . 1916 Marshall Ave., Merriam Park, St. Paul.  
 Marion Norton Chapman . . . . . 593 Holly Ave., St. Paul.  
 Alice Elizabeth Woodman . . . . . 772 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul.  
 Mary How . . . . . Sauk Centre, Minn.  
 Alice W. French . . . . . 2008 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis.  
 Verna Alice Kluckhohn . . . . . 804 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul.  
 Blanche Stanford . . . . . Kelso, North Dakota.

Number of faculty in university, 230; number of students, 2,900.  
 Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Delta Gamma, 18; Alpha Phi, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Delta Delta, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi,



Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Upsilon, Nu Sigma Nu, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Alpha Gamma, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Delta, Psi Omega.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

If we may call four years of fraternity life a generation Upsilon is in the midst of her third, for it was ten years ago in February that our nine charter members received initiation and presented themselves to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma as sisters of the Greek world.

Being of the second generation myself, I can only add guess to tradition in describing those early times. Two sets of Minnesota girls had applied for a charter in vain, but these nine had in them the stuff of which charter members (and other pioneers) are made, and though they trembled when the visiting member of Alpha gravely consulted the registrar and discussed marks, all tests were passed satisfactorily and the chapter well organized. We have never had any members more notable for brains, energy, enthusiasm and business ability than these nine. One of them, Minnie Rexford, now Mrs. Nickerson, has been Corresponding Secretary of the fraternity. Others managed the JOURNAL during its sojourn in Minnesota. Anna Guthrie is now Assistant Librarian at the University. Most of the others are presiding over households of their own.

Ten or twelve years ago the University was very much smaller than it is now; fraternity people took the lead in its affairs with less opposition; every one knew every one else; and from all the traditions that come down to us we feel that the atmosphere was one of general intimacy and jolly good-fellowship. Sometimes the girls had a fraternity room; sometimes they met at the various houses. They went deep into university life, as well as into fraternity life, and gave us of the second generation, when we looked up to them, a feeling that we were weaklings.

Perhaps the loving reverence and content of the freshman is not matched by any other joy of fraternity life. The sweetness and dignity of those seniors, the fun and brains

of those juniors, made strong rushing day impressions that have never been effaced. We used to have spreads when everybody sat on the floor and ate, while perhaps Mary G., improvised riddles. We never sang much. Upsilon had not much music in her soul in those days. At initiations sometimes we were strictly dignified and sometimes gratified the expectations of the freshmen by attempting a few pranks.

One or two camping parties were held by this same set of girls. We had a yellow and black flag, unfeelingly described as a "small-pox sign," and this we fastened upon a broomstick, and nailed upon the roof of our cottage, whither our tallest repaired by means of a lofty pile of chairs, and whence she returned with great difficulty and greater hilarity.

We also formed a basket-ball team, which would doubtless have won glory, had it ever practiced together.

The girls of the youngest generation are a little different from those of either of the others. The type will change, in spite of everything. Sometimes they seem a little sophisticated, compared with freshmen and sophomores of other days, but they are cultivated, enthusiastic and congenial.

Upsilon has generally stood well in the eyes of the professors, and has had her share of college newspaper work, class offices, etc. Of about seventy-five girls who have been initiated here, over one third are married, and nearly one third are teaching. The number in the chapter has usually been about sixteen. We have had competition with four or five other sororities, but we have not lost ground by it.

The organization of Beta Alumnae Chapter has kept some of the older girls together, and the success of our first annual banquet, held in Minneapolis on January 27th of this year is of good omen for the future. None of these things, however, are of any weight compared with the fact that we love our younger girls, and loyally trust in them to maintain the standard of honor, scholarship and womanhood which is the true Theta ideal.



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### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

#### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 11 ; number of active members, 20 ; seniors, 4 ; juniors, 5 ; sophomores, 3 ; freshmen, 8.

#### *Names and addresses of this year's initiaes :*

Mabel Stewart . . . . .	Mason City, Iowa.
Ruth Stockman . . . . .	Mason City, Iowa.
Janet Sage . . . . .	Delavan, Wisconsin.
Laura Sage . . . . .	Delavan, Wisconsin.
Esther Donnelly . . . . .	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Genevieve Stevens . . . . .	Madison, Wisconsin.
Kate Buell . . . . .	Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.
Edna Bolender . . . . .	Monroe, Wisconsin.
Kittie Button . . . . .	Milton Junction, Wisconsin.
Daisy Paota White . . . . .	Stillman Valley, Illinois.

Number of faculty in university, 139 ; number of students, 1,479. Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Delta Gamma, 20 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14 ; Alpha Phi, 17 ; Pi Beta Phi, 18 ; Delta Delta Delta, 16 ; Gamma Phi Beta, 18 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 20. Men's fraternities : Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Rho Beta (local), Phi Delta Phi (law), Theta Nu Epsilon.

#### CHAPTER HISTORY.

A society of nine girls which had existed secretly for some time was initiated into Psi of Kappa Alpha Theta by delegates from Tau, the evening of May 29, 1890. The charter members were :

Winifred Sercombe, who was at one time Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, and who is at present instructor in History and Civics in the North Side High School, Minneapolis, Minn. ; Harriet Bell Merrill, now instructor in Biology in the South Side High School, Milwaukee, Wis. ; Elinor M. Leith, who is now Mrs. James Sabin and is living at Windsor, Wis. ; Lettie E. Wood, who is at present teaching at Monroe, Wis. ; Laura Baxter, now Mrs. Henry Brown, of Lancaster, Wis. ; Edna Richardson, of Brodhead, Wis. ;

Edith N. Bowne, now Mrs. Milton Daily, Sheldon, Iowa. ; Mary Catherine Brown, who is now Mrs. George E. Morton, Milwaukee, Wis. ; Norma Lawrence, who was a graduate of the Law School as well as of the College of Letters and Science, and who became Mrs. Long. She was the first one of Psi's number to be married, and the first for whom the pins were inverted.

The coming of Psi was a complete surprise to the college world, all of the plans having been made so secretly that no rumor in regard to the new chapter had reached fraternity circles.

The Tau girls were the guests of Psi at Ladies' Hall for a few days and were the recipients of many attentions on the part of the other fraternities, who expressed a very cordial interest in the new chapter.

Before the close of the college year the name of Mary Golder Fairchild was added to Psi's number.

The opening of the next year found the chapter installed in a very pretty lodge on Langdon street near the University. Out of the ten original members four were graduated the preceding June, leaving six to commence the new year, which number was shortly doubled.

The first annual banquet was held on the anniversary of the founding of the chapter, and a number of girls from Tau came up to assist in the celebration as well as to attend a base ball game between Wisconsin and Northwestern. The joyful occasion was however abruptly changed to one of sorrow by a terrible runaway, which resulted in severe injuries to several of the Theta girls and the death of their friend, Miss Bessie Pinney, the daughter of Judge Pinney, of Madison.

It was during the second year of the life of the chapter that the lodge was formally opened with a large reception, at which all of Psi's friends among faculty, townspeople and students were present. The girls have entertained informally at their lodge a great deal during each year, and three years ago the custom of giving a large dancing party annually at some hall down town was inaugurated.



Psi has been so fortunate as to occupy the same house every year until this one, when it was given up because it was no longer in a satisfactory condition, and as no other suitable house could be obtained the girls are scattered at present. This year without a lodge only makes the girls more sure that the ideal chapter must have a chapter house and many plans are being made for obtaining one for the years to come.

Living together in a lodge has perhaps made the separation during the summer months harder to endure than is usual among college girls; at any rate Psi girls have a remarkably large number of summer reunions, or rather partial reunions, which is after all not a very difficult thing to do as the homes of nearly all of the girls have been in Wisconsin. This fact makes it possible, too, for a good many of the alumnae to be present at the annual banquet held during Commencement week every year.

The chapter has, during its history, had the encouragement and support of a number of ladies whose husbands have been among the university faculty. The help of Mrs. Harriet Grotecloss Marx, Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith and Mrs. Annie Paddock Wing, all of Iota, being of the greatest benefit to Psi in her early days. Mrs. Smith showed an unusual interest by becoming an active member of the chapter during her stay in Madison. Although these three sisters are no longer with Psi, Iota is still represented in Madison by Mrs. Martha Merry Buell, Miss Pauline Shepard and Mrs. Harriet Thurston Coffin. Mrs. Coffin's husband is a member of the faculty, as are also the husbands of Mrs. E. B. Skinner, Zeta, of Mrs. Mabel Foss Jackson, who is Psi's only honorary member, and of Mrs. Laura Osborne Austin, Psi. Several of the chapter alumnae are living in Madison and take a very active part in the work as well as in the good times of the girls.

Of the seventy-three girls who have been initiated into Psi, twenty-one are married, and two, Norma Lawrence Long and Edna Langley Wright, have gone on into the life

beyond. The active chapter is at present larger than it has ever been before, numbering twenty undergraduates.

The national convention, held in Madison in 1897, has been written of so much that it will not be necessary to go into details concerning it. But we must say that the entertaining of her sisters from all over the United States was a very great pleasure to Psi, and the aid and inspiration derived from the meetings of the convention have been of the greatest benefit to the chapter.

There are in the annals of Psi chapter many entertaining tales, most of which are, however, of such purely local flavor that it does not seem best to embody them in this history. Yet there is one story that will perhaps be of interest to every Theta.

There was an important lodger in the fourth floor of Psi's lodge who should not be denied mention in this chronicle of the illustrious. Our goat, Billie, was for some years the generous bestower of a most impressive ceremony to each new candidate. In 1896, Billie was first seen as he cheerfully glared at the world from the veranda of a neighboring fraternity house. In spite of his fiery eye there was something wistful in his look which touched the heart of one of the Theta freshmen who was passing. With a ready sympathy and a glorious disregard of consequences, this Theta, with some of her sisters, stole up under cover of darkness and carried him away. A warm reception was tendered Billie upon his arrival, and he was a prominent factor in all initiations thereafter. It is not infrequent for some aspiring personage to be jumped from fraternity to fraternity, but surely Billie stands alone as a fraternity-sorority jumper. Nevertheless, Billie seemed to enjoy the situation and was in affable mood at all times except on initiation nights.

It cannot be said that Billie became less agile in body or that his eye grew dim, for Billie was in his second mortal frame at this time. Nevertheless, Billie aged considerably in the last year of his sojourn in Theta Lodge. He became rather battered and his chronic disease, palsy, threatened to sever head and body.



At the time of the Kappa Alpha Theta convention of '97, Billie was in very poor condition but was, nevertheless, able to receive such inquiring delegates as came to see him, among whom was a fair deceiver from Upsilon, who was so impressed by Billie that she inadvertently (?) mentioned his well known name at a fraternity party given by Billie's former admirers. The sad work was done. But a few more days remained to Billie in which to make his last fond farewells, before the summons came which took him to that bourne from which no Billie e'er returns.

Our grief was sincere, our anger at the betrayal most intense. Billie was in our happy home less than three years, but in that time he won the respect and love of all. His tasks were arduous but always thoroughly fulfilled, and we feel that no other Billie could fill his place.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

##### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 21; number of active members, 10; seniors, 1; juniors, 4; sophomores, 2; freshmen, 3.

##### *Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Jessie Carpenter . . . . . 105 W. Third Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Mary Loren . . . . . Cor. High and King Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Gertrude Bellows . . . . . 325 Town St., Columbus, Ohio.

Number of faculty in university, 98; number of students, 1,100.  
 Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Delta Delta Delta, 11.  
 Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma.

##### CHAPTER HISTORY.

Alpha Gamma branch of the Theta tree began to develop, so our charter "grandmother" tells us, as early as October of Ninety-one. It was then, at any rate, that humble petitions from would-be Thetas of the Ohio State University began to attract the attention of Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand

Council. However, the conservatism of the general fraternity, the trait of which we are all so justly proud, withheld our charter until the Spring of the following year. A three months' existence as a local fraternity was required as a test of unity and strength, at the end of which time a delegation of Epsilon Thetas paid a welcome visit to Columbus, and started flying eight new kites. And so, since 1892, we have been celebrating May 24 as Alpha Gamma's birthday.

Prior to Theta's advent, eight Greek colonies had been established here, Kappa Kappa Gamma being the only women's fraternity among them. Since our coming, eight more have been established, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta being of the number.

For any opposition at the time of our establishment, we have sought in vain. Traditional history tells us that there were, in those days, none but kindly Fates:—the Faculty smiled upon us and graciously wrote many letters of recommendation; Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomed us as a long-needed stimulant; and the President of the Interfraternity Board wrote to our Grand Council, assuring them that the University furnished ample material for two good sororities. However, before we were assured of our charter, other national sororities, unsolicited, made offers to the local fraternity. This, together with some rushing and the extending of one bid on the part of our sister fraternity, is the only vestige of opposition met at the time of our founding. Our opposition, during our seven years' existence, has been confined solely to Kappa Kappa Gamma, to whom we have lost a number of fine college women, and from whom we have gained as many.

Alpha Gamma, we are afraid, is not resourceful in fraternity traditions unusual enough to be of interest beyond our own chapter limits. Perhaps, however, every Theta Chapter doesn't have quilting-parties. Wishing to disprove the general belief that college girls are anything and everything but domestic, Alpha Gamma Thetas meet occasionally for an old fashioned Aunt Dinah quilting-bee, an announced en-





PHI CHAPTER HOUSE,—STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL.

gement furnishing the necessary inspiration for this homely diversion. The comforts are of Theta colors,—a gold background, knotted with black worsted. Of course there are always as many kinds of knots as there are girls in the chapter, but brides are too happy to be observing, and besides, variety is an essential part of the love-message.

Just now, we are looking forward to our seventh anniversary. Remembering our happy birthday parties of former years, we are to have another reunion and banquet on the coming May twenty-fourth. There will be toasts, with reminiscences from alumna Thetas and a glance forward from undergraduates. At these reunions, probably more than during all the rest of the year together, we learn how much active and alumna Thetas have in common, and how truly we exist as a unit. Aside from this reunion and the Fall rushing parties, our one annual social event is the Winter dancing party, given in honor of our Freshman girls.

Our newly appointed picture committee is busy collecting for the fraternity archives, photographs of all Alpha Gamma girls, and securing copies of all the chapter groups. Already two or three of the groups look antiquated, and we smilingly promise ourselves that no unpledged rushling shall ever be given a glimpse of these old pictures. The glimpse might prove fatal. This sounds like unpardonable family disloyalty, but we quiet our consciences by acknowledging to ourselves that we, too, may be kept under cover by coming generations of politic Thetas.

Alpha Gamma sends greetings to all Thetas, everywhere.

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### Gamma District.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

#### CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 11 ; number of active members, 14 ; seniors, 2 ; juniors, 5 ; sophomores, 4 ; freshmen, 2 ; graduate, 1 ; graduates from other chapters, 1.



*Names and addresses of this year's initiates :*

Georgia Alberta Caswell . . . . W. 23rd St., Los Angeles, California.  
 Agnes Lawton Arneill . . . . . Ventura, California.  
 Helen Lathrop . . . . . Oakland, California.  
 Hazel Hope Webster . . . . . Long Beach, California

Number of faculty in university, 90; number of students, 1,224.  
 Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Kappa Alpha Theta, 14 ;  
 Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14 ; Delta Gamma, 15 ; Epsilon Chi (local), 7.  
 Men's fraternities : Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma  
 Nu, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha  
 Epsilon, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Rho Eta (local).

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

Phi of Kappa Alpha Theta was established at the University of the Pacific, College Park, California, April 4th, 1889. At the close of the second year there were twenty-two names on the chapter roll and all were earnest, active members. At this time trouble arose in the University, which, in a very short time, resulted, practically, in the dismemberment of the University. The members of Phi at once sent in a report making a clear statement of the matter and suggesting that the withdrawal or removal of the charter might be advisable for the reputation of the fraternity at large.

At the convention held during the summer of 1891 it was decided that Phi Chapter should be removed to Stanford University, the transference to be under the direction and at the will of Mrs. C. D. Marx, wife of one of the Professors at Stanford and formerly a member of Iota Chapter. In December of 1891 this change was made, and in February, 1892, four members added made the list of active members number nine.

The years since then have been very happy and successful. A chapter house has been rented and, although started with no capital, has been carried on successfully. One source of inspiration to Phi that cannot be lightly estimated is the presence and kindly interest of members of other chapters who, as students, professors, and wives of professors, have their homes near the University.



OMEGA CHAPTER HOUSE,—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.



## OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

## CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 10; number of active members, 20; seniors, 6; juniors, 3; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 6; graduate, 2; graduates from other chapters, 1.

*Names and addresses of this year's initiates:*

Katherine Smith . . . . .	1378 Harrison St., Oakland, Cal.
Amy L. Furlong . . . . .	San Rafael, Cal.
Grace Josephine Boggs . . . . .	308 4th St., San Bernardino, Cal.
Mary Powell . . . . .	2203 Atherton St., Berkeley, Cal.
Edith Selby . . . . .	545 Knox Place, Oakland, Cal.
Katherine Bunnell . . . . .	Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.
Mabel F. Jordan . . . . .	563 23d St., Oakland, Cal.

Number of faculty in university, 143; number of students, 2,430. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Gamma Phi Beta, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 20. Men's fraternities: 13.

## CHAPTER HISTORY.

The manner in which Omega was founded accounts in a large degree, I think, for the strength and standing this chapter has always enjoyed. For some years before Omega came into existence Berkeley had known no such thing as a "girls' fraternity." I believe there had at one time been a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma (now revived) but it ceased to exist, and for the mind of the undergraduate had become only a legend. When, in 1888, Lulu Heacock and Agnes Crary came to Berkeley from the University of the Pacific at San Jose, they found the number of women students small, the class spirit strong, much stronger than the college spirit, so that it was almost impossible for the girls of one class to become acquainted with those of another class. If you were a freshman and admired an upper classman there was not much chance that you would ever do more than admire her from a distance, unless you were so fortunate as to meet her socially outside of college.

At the University of the Pacific was located Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta (now removed to Stanford). There Lou Heacock and Agnes Crary had seen something of what a fraternity may add to college life and decided that a chapter at Berkeley would be good if it could be made out of the very best material the college afforded.

With great cleverness they set to work to get together twelve charter members. Instead of trying to break through the class lines and form a set or clique and so stir up the whole college, they very deliberately studied the four classes to decide upon eight undergraduates who had the highest reputations for beauty of character and general standing, irrespective of whether they knew them personally or whether the girls knew each other. When they had decided on almost all they began with the seniors. They then had, with their own, four names that proved irresistible to the others. I shall never forget the day I—only a sophomore—was invited.

"Will you join a local society organized for the purpose of applying to one of the national fraternities for a charter?"

"Who are members of the society?"

"Lulu Heacock, Agnes Crary, Ruth Hobson, Grace de Fremery,—"

"That is enough—I need know nothing more—I will jump at the chance to belong to *anything* those girls belong to."

Not one of them was personally known to me, we had merely a nodding acquaintance, passing in the halls or on the campus. I had often dreamed of how splendid it would be to really *know* such a girl as Agnes Crary, so bright, so gifted. But it had never occurred to me that I should do anything but dream—and then to think that the first time she spoke to me she put her arm about me and held me tight while my wondering ears heard her say, "I like you, I am glad you are to be one of us; I was afraid you would refuse." (!) I walked on air. My feelings were, I am sure, only an illustration of the feelings of the others. Truly, the



charter members of Omega made an ardent mutual admiration society.

When ten undergraduates were pledged two alumnae were chosen, our twelve was complete, and all was ready. So quickly and so quietly had the work been done that the rest of the college suspected nothing and when, on the morning of June 1st, after an initiation that had extended well into the night before, twelve girls appeared proudly wearing black and yellow bows, all college was excited.

"How had it been done?" "Why, those girls never went together!" "Anyway, it's a fine, strong chapter."

The men's fraternities, of which there were seven, gave as cordial a welcome as was compatible with their dignity. The faculty smiled a kind approval and Omega was safely launched on her prosperous career.

Not a rival existed, and before any should appear Omega determined that her standing should be so firmly established that nothing should ever be able to disturb it. Every undergraduate felt that she must keep up the standard set by the charter members—and that the only way to do it was to do as they had done—choose a girl for the beauty and the strength of character and her college standing irrespective of all other considerations. It has caused anguish sometimes when a dear personal friend has been put to the test and failed. But time has always found a way to ease the pain and to prove that it is better for the individual to yield rather than the standard.

Omega's first thought was, of course, for an abiding place. A friendly attic was found very glad to loan itself and there for a year meetings and initiations were held. Meetings heartily attended and full of enthusiasm and *business*. As for initiations, I doubt if there ever lived a more spirited goat than the one who charged around that Berkeley attic. His doings are yearly told to wondering Freshmen. In much less than a year, however, Omega felt that a fraternity chapter without a home of its own was as forlorn as a family in a boarding house. But how and where could one be had?

Could it be won? Berkeley has no dormitory system. A large proportion of her students, especially the women students, come from the neighboring cities of San Francisco and Oakland—so near that it is possible to go and come each day. Consequently out of a chapter of twenty the number who would need to board in Berkeley would at times be very small. If we had a house how could we furnish it? etc., etc., etc.

These problems did not prove easy of solution but the discussions always ended in the expressed determination to have a home *somehow*. What was wanted was a large house with rooms so arranged as to be suitable for entertaining and fraternity purposes. None such was to be had within possible distance of the campus. At last a father was found who was willing to buy a lot in the desired location, build a house on it suited to the needs and rent it to the chapter. That was ideal, and the house was soon in course of construction in order that it might be ready for the next college year.

But how to furnish it? That seemed like an insurmountable obstacle—and it *did* take lots of enthusiasm to get over it. What economy was practiced in personal expenses that more might be saved for the house. Some even worked during the summer vacation that they might earn money for furniture. The result was that the opening of the new college year of 1891-'92 saw the new house complete, furnished—not very well but sufficient for living—and the chapter in it. How it was enjoyed. Enjoyed as only a thing can be that has come after great effort.

The year of '91-'92 was a bright and happy one for Omega. She had the whole field before her and felt that it would be her own fault if she did not secure the best material the college afforded. She had a nice new home and "house girls" enough to run it easily. She entertained her friends freely. Her existence was thus thoroughly enjoyable when the charter members left her in 1892. As a strong chapter of a large fraternity Omega has never suffered a set back, her troubles have been almost wholly confined to domestic finances.



After our first successful year a difficulty arose in the running of our house which was to prove more serious later, but which was tided-over at this time without lasting results. This was our summer rent. So many tried to rent their houses in vacation that we were not able to do so, but for a year or two we managed to obtain something from room rent and so were not seriously behind at the opening of college. The next two years were successful and happy for us all, and all, I am sure, those who were then in the house look back to them with particular pleasure. It was only in the later more anxious years, however, that we could see how much we ought to have enjoyed those times of comfort. The house was full, the mother of one of our alumnae lived with us as chaperon, all the details of our housekeeping were in the hands of a very efficient Chinaman, and we only had to disburse the money and keep the accounts; and we even luxuriated in a bank account in the Berkeley Commercial Bank. Add to this the fact that we had no rivals and that we always tried to do our "rushing" as quietly as possible so as not to hurt the girl's feelings and, if possible, not arouse her suspicion of what we were doing, and one can see how ideal fraternity life then was. Our social entertainments in those days were some of the most important in the college life and were looked forward to as "events," for our rooms were large and we could entertain easily.

However, the strength of the year '94 proved to be our weakness the year following. '94 had been strong not only in its individual members but also in the number of its house girls, so that at the beginning of the college year of '95, two poor lone Juniors moved into the seven bedrooms of our house, without a chaperon, without even a prospect of one, and with a debt of almost a hundred dollars for summer rent. The prospect certainly was not encouraging. Members of some of the men's fraternities could not understand why we did not elect members who would come to the house, but their advice never has, and, I think, never will, influence us. We have always asked our members for themselves and not for their board-moneys.

We had been on a chaperon hunt all summer, at first with a high ideal, but as one suggestion after another failed, we decided that we would humbly and gratefully accept almost any elderly boarder who would appear. But even this humility did not bring her, and we had at that time to face the two most serious problems of our chapter life,—our house problem and our chaperon problem,—problems which seem to come up every year now, and which threaten to become in these present years of strong competition a serious drawback to our chapter. In '95 Gamma Phi Beta and Sorosis had just started, and for several years caused us no anxiety at all, and our house difficulties at that time proved only a source of strength by uniting the chapter more closely and giving us more work to do for it.

There was but one thing to do,—we must leave our home, for such it seemed to us, since it had been built especially for us. One of our members advanced a hundred dollars without interest, and we moved to a smaller house in a less accessible place, hired a cheaper servant, and undertook the entire housekeeping ourselves, we two juniors taking it in turn. A freshman came to us,—a sister,—and at last joy entered our hearts,—we found a boarder. We recognized her one day by the feather in her hat; somehow that day in the philosophy room this nodding plume looked promising, and upon investigation we learned that she was of suitable age, unencumbered and willing to change boarding places.

There is not space to relate our experiences in housekeeping, of our trials with servants, from the fiery Chinese who threatened us with the carving-knife to the Japanese who was almost too slow and stupid to understand what we said, of the times when we had to do our own cooking while changing servants, (when of course guests were brought unexpectedly); or of our good times, social "at homes," and our monthly chapter dinner, or of how in a spirit of fun a youth was invited to one of the latter, took us in earnest and came, more I think to our embarrassment than to his. We made and found many pleasures, and yet it was, particu-



larly the first year after our moving, a very depressing time. Four made but a small family, and it was a hard struggle to make ends meet. With the help of our alumnae the debt was paid, and as we had obtained an agreement for half-rent in summer, we were able to pass the accounts on to the younger members in a fairly satisfactory state. We still held our own in other ways, and although two other fraternities had come into existence, many considered that they were in no sense "rivals."

The largest social event given by us in the year '95-6 was a dance given at the residence of one of the girls in Oakland. It was the most ambitious affair we have ever undertaken, and was an immense success. The rooms were very large, and the music and supper perfect. We were all very much satisfied with our efforts.

The term '96-'97 was begun with our usual financial difficulties. Two of the freshmen whom we hoped might come to the house had made arrangements for the year which prevented their doing so. We were more fortunate in the chaperon problem, however. A most charming lady came to board with us, though before the college year expired she left us to travel in Europe. Meanwhile the mother of one of our girls had taken charge of the house for the term, relieving us of the housekeeping responsibilities. Very little entertaining was done because we tried to keep our expenses down. In the rushing season several informal teas were given for the freshmen, and a spread which was voted lots of fun. We sat around the room on cushions and partook of an indigestible and laughable menu. A few of the things still linger fondly in our memories. The menu cards read *Caliente* (found to be oyster cocktails), *Coon's Delight* (water melon), *Rubber Swamp Weeds* sizzled, (a great puzzle to all, which proved to be toasted marsh-mallows).

The next year '97-8 we tried a housekeeper but that was not satisfactory so was discontinued at Christmas time, when Mrs. Stone, Fanny Stone's mother, who had once before come to our rescue again took charge of the house and that

arrangement has been continued to the present time. During that year Kappa Kappa Gamma was revived at the University of California, taking the place of the Sorosis.

In '97-8 we gave a series of at homes to the college men, and a Faculty Tea in April when the fruit blossoms were most beautiful. We fastened great branches of them to the gray walls of our drawing room which was lighted by pink shaded lamps.

We rented the house during the summer months and in August, 1898, moved to our present home, which besides being much prettier, is in a much more convenient location. We were delighted at our alumnae's generous gift of two large rugs, which allowed us to use the money that we would have otherwise spent on bare necessities, for new curtains, couch covers, etc. This year we have given a very successful Anagram party, but have done little other entertaining. The plans that we had laid for a large reception at the end of the term have been given up because of our recent sorrow. This year the two other women's fraternities Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Kappa Gamma both have fraternity houses.

We have thus sketched the history of our chapter from its founding, with its attendant joys and difficulties, the latter entirely in a financial way as I think we have very frankly shown.

It is appropriate in closing to pay a tribute to those who have preceded us in the chapter. We feel that our strength is due to the fact that we have kept constantly in mind the standard which they followed, and have tried to live up to the ideals which they ever kept before them.



## EDITORIALS.

When the convention next September is over another milestone of the fraternity will have been left behind us. Will it leave us stronger, more firmly fixed in our principles of fraternity life, and better equipped for the new year and the new life before us? This is a question for each individual to answer, the source of our internal strength is the strength of each member. The individual not the chapter is the unit of the fraternity. The principles of Kappa Alpha Theta are broad enough and comprehensive enough to build our future life upon, our ideals are lofty enough to call forth the best that is in us in whatever sphere we may find ourselves on leaving college. Our fraternity then is a means not an end, and as such it will live. If it dies it will be through the failure of its members to give its principles and ideals life in their lives. And because our principles and aspirations are what they are, broad, comprehensive, worthy, they will go with us through our lives, we will not leave them behind us when we leave our Alma Mater as we leave the social clubs and all the many interests of our college social life, and our fraternity will still claim and will always freely receive our love and loyal support. Through this view of the fraternity we will see it not as a segregation of chapters but as a whole and we will realize the wideness of its influence, the opportunities that it offers and how we may best use them, and the extent of our responsibility to it. And we will feel that there is but one answer to our question and that a confidently affirmative one and that for the fraternity, to-day is bright with hope fulfilled and the future full of promise.

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To hold the fraternity convention in the summer is a new departure for Kappa Alpha Theta and in one sense an experiment, the result of which will be determined by the

relative number of alumnae and active members who are not delegates who avail themselves of this opportunity. Every one who can come should do so. The larger the number the better for the convention and the fraternity, while the pleasure of meeting delegates from every chapter and the advantage, more especially to the active member, of the wider view gained of the fraternity as a whole is much more than enough to make up for possible trouble and inconvenience in going. Let every Theta who can possibly do so plan to be in Indianapolis during the first week in September.

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With the aid of the regular yearly reports we can see how the fraternity stands in regard to numbers, and how it compares in this respect with last year. The reports do not give us as complete a statement as we would like but so far as they go they help us to judge of the varying conditions under which the chapters live. The members do not vary much from last year. No new chapters having been added the increase in members is not very great. The number of active chapters is 23 with a total membership of 386. The average membership of the chapters is between 16 and 17, Alpha taking first place this year with 29, and Beta and Chi sharing second place with 25 members each. The smallest chapter is Alpha Gamma with 10 members, Nu being second with 11. The whole number of initiates for the year is 135, the average number for each chapter is between 5 and 6, Alpha Beta initiating 2 and Alpha and Psi 10 each. Counting the Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern California which has been added to our roll this year but which has not yet applied for an alumnae charter, we have nine alumnae chapters, each reporting earnest, enthusiastic interest in the life and work of the chapter.

The chapters are scattered from Maine to California, Minnesota is the most northern and Kansas the most southern of the states in which we are represented. The membership is of course much more widely distributed, two of this year's initiates giving their home address from China.



Nu is the only chapter having no rivals and Alpha Epsilon still meets only local societies. The other women's fraternities have evidently been enlarging their chapter rolls, we now meet Kappa Kappa Gamma in 17 different institutions, Pi Beta Phi in 12, Delta Gamma in 10, Delta Delta Delta in 9, Alpha Phi in 8, Gamma Phi Beta in 6, and Alpha Chi Omega in 4.

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It was thought best to confine the historical number strictly to history and for that reason and because the chapter histories have taken so much space the other departments are omitted. The many exchanges that are waiting will be reviewed in the next number.

The list of chapter house pictures is unfortunately not complete. Chi and Kappa both have houses but their pictures do not appear.

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Will the corresponding secretaries please send notices of changes in the directory in time for the November JOURNAL.

## PERSONALS.

### ALPHA.

Martha J. Evans, Mrs. E. S. Martin, '76 has been engaged in literary work for a number of years. From 1884 to 1890 she was Associate Editor of the *Richmond Daily and Weekly Telegram*. Her home is now in New York City, where she contributes to important magazines and papers.

Mary N. Stephenson, Mrs. Buchtel, is the wife of the distinguished Dr. Henry A. Buchtel. She has been prominent in church and musical circles wherever they have resided. Their home is at present in East Orange, N. J.

Miss Martha Ellen Vickery, '87, and Edith Basye, '91, have been engaged for a number of years in educational work in Rome, Italy.

Miss Eleanor Iglehart, '83, also taught at the same school in which Miss Vickery and Miss Basye were engaged but has recently returned to the United States.

Miss Vernie Weaver in 1897 entered the Deaconness work in Chicago in which she has since been very successful.

Miss Daisy Simms, '95, soon after graduation was elected National College Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and has been until very recently occupied in this work.

Lelia Washburn, Mrs. J. B. Demotte, '77 is the wife of the well known popular lecturer, Dr. J. B. Demotte. Their home is now at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Alpha has been glad to welcome again this term, Mrs. Della Ogden Duvall of Delaware, Ohio, and Miss Estelle Fuller of Kansas City, Mo., who made us short visits.

### BETA.

Elizabeth Hughes is now teacher of Latin in the Girls' Classical School, Indianapolis.

Juliette Maxwell is director of the girls' gymnasium, Indiana University.



Anna Demaree, '92, has the chair of Greek at Albert Lea College, Albert Lea, Minn.

Erla Hittle, '92, is studying in Heidelberg, where she will take her Ph.D. in philosophy this year.

Charlotte Malotte, '94, is teaching Latin in Vincennes, (Ind.), University.

Sallie Cotton, '95, is teacher of botany in Manual Training High School, Indianapolis.

Kate Milner Rabb, '85, has lately published a work upon "National Epics."

Fannie Morgan Swain, wife of Dr. Swain, President Indiana University, is prominent in the work of woman's clubs.

Louise Maxwell is assistant librarian in the library of Indiana University.

Grace Woodburn is at the head of the department of Latin at Monmouth College.

#### ETA.

Martha Holway Chadbourne, '93, is teaching in the High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Irene Blanchard, '98, spent her vacation with her mother and sister, who are living in the Theta House this winter. She is teaching in Battle Creek, Mich.

Lina Smith, who was in college last year, has been out to see the girls a number of times this year. She is one of the Detroit girls on whom the girls always count to be present at initiations, and she seldom fails us.

Matilda Harrington, who graduated last year, is very happy teaching her favorite study, Latin, in the High School at her home, Dubuque, Iowa.

Our alumnae have a way of scattering themselves all over the continent. We hear from Jessie Harris that she still has the same position in the Valley City Normal School, Valley City, North Dakota.

Louise Harris Theilan, who was married last fall, is living in Charlevoix, Mich.

We were very happy to have so many "old girls" spend

their spring vacation with Eta. Carrie Mowry, of Saginaw, was here for a week the last of March.

Bertha Hull is a teacher at the Michigan State Normal School again this year, so we can see her occasionally.

The yearly meeting of the School Masters' Club was held at Ypsilanti, March 31st and April 1st. Winifred Craine, who was home from Columbus on her vacation, attended the exercises Friday, then came over to Ann Arbor and spent Saturday with the girls.

We are delighted to have Mabel Gale with us this semester. She was one of the charter members of Eta.

Mrs. Henry Carter Adams is the wife of Henry Carter Adams, who is at the head of Political Economy in the University of Michigan, and one of the foremost men in his line in the country.

Katherine Coman is professor of history in Wellesley.

Caroline Parrish is a wonderfully successful teacher of Latin, now in Lake View High School, Chicago.

Dorothy Roth is a public lecturer in California.

Alice Emily Wadsworth is Grand Secretary of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Myra McPherson Post is President of Beta district.

#### IOTA.

Mrs. J. H. Comstock is assistant professor in the Cornell University Summer School, and will be in Ithaca during the first part of the summer while the school is in session.

Ordelia Lester, who was with us last year, is principal of the teacher's training school at Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith, who is assistant professor of sociology at Stanford University, has been spending her sabbatical year studying at Cornell and lecturing in various cities in the east.

Dina Gurnee, '98, who was teaching for some time at the Horace Mann school, is now studying at Columbia.

Mr. Franklin Sheble, C. U., '88, who married Lena Edwards, '91, Iota, died in Philadelphia on April 10, 1899.



## KAPPA.

Erna Barteldes of Lawrence sails the latter part of this month for Europe to spend two years, studying in France and Germany.

Rose Watson and Lucy Riggs were among the eleven members of the class of '99 to be elected Phi Beta Kappas.

Mrs. Hattie Haskell McDonald, of Bowdoin College is the guest in Lawrence of her uncle, Captain John Haskell.

Josephine Shellabarger has returned to her home in Topeka after spending the winter in New York City.

The senior class of Kansas University numbers among its roll seven members of Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta : Elizabeth Stone, Daisy Dixon, Lucy Riggs, Agnes Lee, Frances Babcock, Rose Watson and Grace Poff.

Mrs. Edward Ellison, (*née* Stone) of Kansas City, is the mother of a little daughter whose name is Elizabeth Stone Ellison.

Daisy Dixon, '99, has had the D. H. Robinson Latin Scholarship offered to her for next year.

Madge Schaum is practicing dentistry in Lansing, Kansas.

## LAMBDA.

Julia Platt spent the summer months in Burlington this year. Now she is making original investigations in animal biology at Pacific Grove, California. Miss Platt has spent many years in scientific work, has taken a degree at Freiburg University, and is held in high esteem as an authority on modern science among the scholars of Germany.

Annie Barker, '78, is teaching in Washington, D. C. Her address is 941 S street, N. W.

Sarah V. Brownell's address is 212 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lucia Barney, '89, is in Erie, Pa.

Clara I. Colburn, '88, is living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Grace Johnson, '95, is teaching in South West Institute, San Diego, California.

Francis Atkinson, '95, is librarian in the Tenny Memorial Library, Newbury, Vt.

Leirion N. Johnson, '95, is assistant supervisor of drawing in the public schools of Springfield, Mass.

June Yale Crouter is teaching in the Philadelphia Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Elizabeth Norton, '99, (Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield) is living in Lake Park, Minn.

Theodoria M. Plumley, '97, is teaching in Mattoon, Ill. Address 1317 Charleston Avenue.

Edna M. Lucas, '97, is in training at a hospital in Concord, N. H.

Anna M. Clark, '98, is teaching in the Connecticut State Normal School in New Britain, Conn. She is about to publish a book upon the trees of Vermont. It is intended for the use of teachers of nature study, and is said by experts to be a very complete work.

Clara B. Johnson, '99, is studying at Radcliff.

Clara Gilette, '99, is carrying on a dressmaking business in Methuen, Mass. She is very successful.

MU.

Cassie Patton, one of our charter members is now teaching in Sitka, Alaska.

Dr. Ella D. Goff is practising medicine in Allegheny, Pa.

Ena Brundage has lately received a position in the Girls' High School in New York City.

Mrs. W. A. Siling, *née* Lilian Fradenburg, whose home is at present in Orange, N. J., will move to Cincinnati in the fall.

Alice Crittenden is taking a post-graduate course in Chicago University.

Millicent M. Davis is preceptress of Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa.

Vena Fenno, who has been traveling in Europe for some time, is now at a girl's school near Paris where she is making a special study of French.

Mrs. Lucius Bugbee, formerly Lena Lattin, died on March ninth, at her home in Bemus Point, N. Y.

Charlotte Illingworth who sailed last November for India



has taken up her work as principal of the Girls' School in Rangoon.

Clara Campbell is assistant editor of the *Chautauquan* and Clara Howard, Elva Bascorn, and Amanda Edson are on the editorial staff of the same magazine.

## NU.

The five charter members of Nu are (Mrs.) Ida Cochran Veazey the wife of a physician at Milan, Ind. ; (Mrs.) Lydia Hunt Matthews, of Madison, Wis. ; (Mrs.) Minnie Friedley Sbach ; (Mrs.) Mattie Edwards Crim, of Sellersburg, Ind. ; and (Mrs.) Katherine Piatt Bottorff of Charleston, Ind.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Moffatt, '89, is recovering from a severe illness.

Virginia Southgate, '93, is president of Albert Lea College (Minn).

Dell Gossard again received the highest grade in the Freshman class.

Margret McCoy, '96, was compelled to resign her position in the Indianapolis schools on account of ill health.

Julia McKee, ex-'95, is one of the teachers in the High School at Dec Lodge, Montana.

Virginia Overton is teaching at Milton, Ky.

## RHO.

Elizabeth Bannel and Pearl Dement, of Chicago, attended Rho's third annual banquet February the eleventh. They also went to the Junior Promenade, which occurred the evening before.

Harriet Dement Packard, of Beta, gave a concert with Blatchford Kavanaugh in Lincoln, Thursday evening, February the ninth. Rho had a box party at the concert, and Dena Loomis gave a reception for her in the afternoon.

The convention of the first district of Phi Kappa Psi met with Nebraska Alpha the first week of April. We were delighted to meet those who could tell us of other Theta chapters. A large cotillion was given for the visitors, which was the most elaborate social affair of the season.

Rho is well represented in the faculty of the university, Mrs. Ansley and Mrs. Fling being wives of professors. Professor Ansley is head of the English department and Professor Fling is head of the European History department. Anne Barr is the instructor in physical training, and Edith Schwartz is an instructor in the German department.

Dena K. Loomis, of Rho, and Edith Lang, of Iota, are teachers in the Lincoln High School.

TAU.

Anna Adams graduated at Michigan and is teaching at Topeka, Kansas.

Eva Hall is teaching at Wilmette, Ill.

Bessie Mars is teaching at Duluth, Wis.

Lillian Rice has taken up Kindergarten work and Lida Scott teaches elocution.

Mary Gloss teaches in Warren Academy.

Dixie Bagshawe is now Mrs. Kimball and living in Mexico.

Mabelle Thatcher is now Mrs. Little and is practising law with her husband.

Ethelyn Emery is now in Manila with her husband who is in the army.

Rose Berkey after the death of her husband, Mr. Rickenbaugh, has come to Chicago to study music and physical culture.

Lina Kennedy is now the wife of a Congregational minister, Mr. Preston, in Whitewater, Wis.

Marriage Bells have been ringing lately for Nellie Stevens, Lois Rice, Beulah Merville, Susan Welton, Sadie Ward, Rose Ewell and Alice Spies. The last named is to live in what we all think of as the Theta house or "Aunty Bakers" in Evanston.

Some of the old girls who are making happy homes are Nettie Jennings Oates, Charlene Taylor Williams, Anna Von Tressler Mason, Edie Cruver Whittlesey, Josie Fitch Whitson, Minnie Church Bagley, Eva Lee Miller, Jean Meredith Sleep.



The engagement of Jessie Eversz, '95, has recently been announced.

Jessie Phillips, '95, and Mary Gloss, '91, took Masters Degrees in '97.

Mrs. Geo. Curme, a Theta from DePauw and wife of our German professor, is now living in Evanston.

Miss Eleanor Morse, of DePauw, has been spending this year in Evanston.

## UPSILON

Catherine Comfort, '90, is teaching English Literature in the East Side High School, Minneapolis.

Jessie Nicol, '90, was married in 1895 to Mr. William Hoyt, a member of Sigma Chi. Their home is in Duluth, Minn.

Minnie Rexford, '91, married in '93 Mr. E. A. Nickerson, D. K. E., of Minneapolis.

Dora Guthrie, '91, is married to Mr. C. E. Huntington of Luverne, Minn.

Lily M. Martin, '91, married in 1894, Rev. T. G. Soares, Phi Kappa Psi. Mr. Soares has recently accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Galesburg, Illinois.

Carrie A. Palmer, '92, is doing literary work at her home in Onarga, Ill.

Beulah McHenry, '92, is the wife of Hon. Charles F. Amidon, U. S. District Judge for North Dakota. They live in Fargo.

Helen Tombs, '92, was married in 1894 to Mr. Walter Stockwell. They are living in Grafton, N. D.

Annie Burr, '93, is teaching in the High School at St. Paul.

Madeleine Wallin, '92, married in 1897, Mr. George Sykes, Phi Kappa Psi. Mr. Sykes is editorial writer on the *Chicago Record*.

Helene Dresser, '93, married Mr. F. M. Fling, who is professor of history at the University of Nebraska.

Maude Sanborn, '94, is the wife of Mr. Conway McMillan, professor of Botany in the University of Minnesota.

Gertrude Bell, '93, married in '94, Dr. C. N. Burton. They are living in Elmore, Minnesota.

Justina Leavitt, '95, married Mr. Halsey W. Wilson, Phi Kappa Psi. They live in Minneapolis.

Katharine Jackson, '95, is teaching in the Taconic School for Girls, Lakeville, Conn.

Elsie Gibbs, '96, is teaching in the high school at Aitkin, Minn.

Ethel McClure, '96, with her husband, Mr. Staples, is traveling in Europe.

Mary Felton, '96, is teaching music in the normal school at Valley City, N. D.

Bertha Bradford, '95, is principal of the high school at St. Peter, Minn.

Sophie Pendergast, '97, is teaching history in the normal school at Mankato, Minn.

Beth Fisher, '98, is principal of the high school at Mapleton, Minn.

Zoe Hotchkiss, '98, is married to Mr. Henri Duval. They are living in Minneapolis.

#### OMEGA.

Maud Sutton, ex-'97, is visiting her sister in San Bernardino.

Louise Morrison, of Epsilon, who has been spending the winter in California, made us a very pleasant visit at our chapter house some weeks ago.

The engagement of Agnes Crary, '92, to Mr. Philips Weaver, of Honolulu, is announced.

Mabel Symmes, '96, expects to leave for the East in May.

We have enjoyed seeing Mary McLean, '95, who has been with us during her spring vacation.

Mabel Jordan, one of our last initiates, died at her home in Oakland after a short illness.

#### ALPHA BETA.

'92. After two years in the well known kindergarten training school in Baltimore, Annie Hillborn is now de-



voting her time to the little ones in the Friends' Kindergarten, of Philadelphia.

'92. Many glowing accounts of our Barnard girls are sent to us by Ellen Pyle, who is taking a special course of study in that college.

'92. Mary E. Broomell is studying kindergartening in Baltimore.

'93. Jane Atkinson is filling the position of librarian in the library of the University of Pennsylvania.

'93. It is pleasant to know that Alpha Beta is represented on the other side of the world. Mrs. Benjamin F. Battin, *née* Ellen Williams, is studying with her husband in Jena University, Germany.

'94. Bertha L. Broomell has spent five years at the Friends School in Abington, Pennsylvania.

'94. Every Theta will be gladdened by our Grand President's new happiness, while David Sargent Walter has become the special pet and protégé of all his relatives of Alpha Beta.

'96. Mary S. Ash is studying oratory at the Neff College of Oratory, in Philadelphia.

#### ALPHA GAMMA.

A former '99 Theta, Mrs. Mark Griffin, of Xenia, Ohio, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Fisher, of Bryden Road. We found it very delightful to have fraternity meeting at the Fisher home again, and to greet a new Theta, Baby Dorothy Griffin.

Helen Patterson, ex-'97, visited Columbus a few weeks ago. The Thetas are always happy to welcome their Mount Vernon sister.

Mrs. J. Russell Taylor, a charter member of Alpha Gamma, is just recovering from a six weeks' illness.

Tella Axline returned a few weeks ago from Augusta, Georgia, where she visited her father's regiment, the Tenth Ohio.

On the evening of April 5, Edith Hunter made her musical debut, singing at Professor Turpin's recital, given in the Board of Trade Auditorium.

Kitty Kiser, '95, teacher in the Chicago Junction High Schools, spent the April vacation in Columbus.

The young women of the University are preparing to give an operetta for the benefit of the athletic association. Two of the leading parts will be taken by Thetas.

Thursday evening, April 6, Florence Durstine entertained eighteen Thetas at a beautiful birthday dinner.

Twice within the past two weeks the young women of the University have been royally entertained. On Saturday afternoon, April 8, the wives of our professors gave a most delightful reception to all the college girls, at Mrs. Kauffman's beautiful campus home. On the following Thursday our four faculty women gave the first of a series of afternoon teas for the girls of the University, the guests being received in the Domestic Science rooms in Hayes Hall. Both affairs were innovations in the social life of the Ohio State University. This growing interest and attention are deeply appreciated by the young women.

Alpha Gamma hails with delight the prospect of a summer convention. Already three or four of the girls are planning to attend.

#### ALPHA DELTA.

The engagement is announced of Antoinette Florence Fullerton, ex-1900, to Rev. Burdette Boardman Brown.

#### ALPHA EPSILON.

Five of our graduates are teaching in the Providence High Schools: Josephine Beane and Clara Whitehead, '97, and Adelaide Arnold, Lucy Bates and Elizabeth Grant, '98.

Edith Thompson is teaching in Littleton, N. H.

Edna Arnold has a position in Blue Mountain University, Blue Mountain, Miss.



## WEDDING BELLS.

### ALPHA.

On Wednesday, March 29th, 1899, occurred at Greencastle the wedding of Olive Sophia Miller to Lieut. Samuel Curtis Vestal, U. S. A. They will be at home after April fifteenth at Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island.

### KAPPA.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Marion Innes to Dr. J. A. Craig of Ann Arbor. The wedding, which will take place April 19, at the Innes home in Lawrence, is a surprise to everyone, coming as it does just after the return of Miss Innes from a year's travel in Europe. After the wedding trip the bride and groom are to live in Ann Arbor, where Dr. Craig is Professor of Semitic Languages in the University of Michigan.

### MU.

On the tenth of April Anna Campbell was married to Dr. Martin J. Sweeney at Kane, Pa. Dr. Sweeney was a member of Pi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. The bride's maids with one exception were Mu girls.

### RHO.

Bertha Laura Clark was married to Thomas Littleton Lyon, Phi Gamma Delta, Professor of Agriculture in the University of Nebraska, Wednesday evening, March the twenty-second.

### ALPHA DELTA.

On Saturday, March the twenty-fifth occurred the marriage of Cora Lee Gardner, '97, of Peoria, Ill., to Mr. Ira C. Penniman, of Berea, Kentucky. Mr. Penniman is Director of Music at Berea College, Berea, and there Mr. and Mrs. Penniman will make their home. Alpha Delta extends the heartiest of best wishes to her second bride.

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**In Memoriam.**

EMMA KEMP TIMBERLAKE.

WHEREAS, Death has taken from us our dear friend and beloved sister, Emma Kemp Timberlake, and,

WHEREAS, We deeply mourn the loss of this dear Theta sister, whose consistent daily life will ever be to us a beautiful example of patience, energy and loyalty, and,

WHEREAS, We realize that earth has lost, and Heaven has gained a noble soul, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of her fraternity, tender to her family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in this, our common affliction.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, placed on the Upsilon chapter records, and suitably published.

MINNIE REXFORD NICKERSON,  
ANNA LORRAINE GUTHRIE,  
SARAH CATHARINE COMFORT.

LENA LATTIN BUGBEE.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has in His infinite love and wisdom seen fit to call to her heavenly home our dear sister, Lena Lattin Bugbee ; be it

*Resolved*, That, while we would submit to His will in all things and thank Him for this link in our chain which will always bind our hearts to Him, yet we most sincerely mourn the loss of one who, by her consistent daily life among us, and by her noble and Christ-like character, has won our love and respect and inspired us to better Christian lives. And that we endeavor to follow the example of this one who never wore her Theta pin lightly and in whom the true Theta spirit was exemplified. And further be it



*Resolved*, That we, the members of Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, extend to her husband, mother, and sister our loving sympathy as sharers with them in their great loss. And be it further

*Resolved*, That we wear our colors with black for three days and our pins inverted for the remainder of the term. And likewise be it

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Mu chapter and a copy sent to the Journal for publication.

MABEL F. JORDAN.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has, in His infinite love and wisdom, seen fit to take to Himself our beloved sister, Mabel F. Jordan, and thus brought grief to her family and her many friends; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our sorrow, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, extend to them our sincere love and sympathy in their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and to the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal.

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